

Organization **Kootenay Family Place**

Registration # 107576894RR0001
767 11th Avenue, Castlegar B.C. V1N 1J7

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Community Capacity Programming**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, City of Castlegar
The projects would take place in Castlegar at Neighbourhood House. In order to reach families in Areas I or J, we are prepared to offer gas cards or ride-sharing for those parents needing support to attend.

Importance to the community:

Beneficiaries include: Mothers and their families, Parents and children ages 7-12, Families of children ages 0-6 years.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/14/2024 Project End: 3/31/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$2,801.00				\$2,001.00
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$15,203.00			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$20,005.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$20,005.00	\$25,010.00	\$25,010.00

1. The project will provide:

Project: Community Capacity Programming

The project has three components, based on the needs of families in Castlegar, Area I and Area J. A Motherwise program will run for 8 weeks, serving the needs of new mothers who are experiencing post partum depression or are at risk for ppd. Motherwise has been prove as extremely effective in supporting new families suffering from postnatal depression. It is co-facilitated by a mental health clinician. A Family Summer Camp program will run for 8 weeks, free of charge, meeting the needs of families who cannot afford camps and may be isolated during the summer months. Typically, all family support programming closes for the summer, leaving vulnerable families without programming. A My Tween and Me program will run for 8 weeks, addressing the needs of families and tweens (7 to 12 year olds) who are experiencing challenges at home. The My Tween and Me program is a facilitated group program that provides parents and their tweens with the knowledge, tools and support they need during the child's transition to adolescence. Offered to parents/caregivers and their children aged 7 through 12, the program strengthens parent-child communication and supports parents in building a positive relationship with their tween.

2. Organization Mandate:

Kootenay Family Place is a registered non-profit organization with charitable status whose staff is passionate about serving the needs of children, youth, and families throughout the West Kootenay Boundary region. We are a family of qualified professionals striving to develop and provide a constellation of relevant services to our ever changing and diverse communities.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Beneficiaries include: Mothers and their families, Parents and children ages 7-12, Families of children ages 0-6 years.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The issues that will be addressed are:

Family cohesiveness. Support for mothers experiencing mental health issues. Support for families of "tweens" during a sometimes very difficult time. Summer fun, parenting support, and a safe, educational place for financially challenged families to meet during summer months. All of these programs provide multiple levels of support to families in the area in so many ways. When the parents are feeling supported and safe, their children do, too. Kootenay Family Place Neighbourhood House has over 3000 individual sits a year from families. All programs are free of charge. The coordinators and consultants collect data all year long in order to identify what the biggest gaps for families are. These three projects would go a long way in filling those needs.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

Kootenay Family Place has been offering programming to families for over 50 years. Qualified, dedicated staff with many years of expertise work for KFP. KFP is also an accredited agency, meeting rigorous standards for ethics, health & safety, risk management, quality improvement, and quality services.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Neighbourhood House Coordinator
Community Action Program for Children (CAPC) Coordinator
Canada Prenatal Nutrition Coordinator (CPNP)
Neighbourhood House Assistant
Family Navigation Coordinator
Casual Staff

8. Minors will be working on this project: No**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

In Kind Contributions include Food, Kitchen Items for cooking, Art Supplies, Rent, Janitorial, Utilities, Advertising, Internet, Flip charts and paper, one to one support, telephone and email contact, miscellaneous supplies.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Circle of Indigenous Nations Society
1801 Connors Road, Castlegar BC V1N 3N9
Email: info@coinations.net
Phone: 1-877-904-2634
Website: www.coinations.net

February 14, 2024

Dear ReDi Grant Committees:

As Executive Director of the Circle of Indigenous Nations (COINS), I am happy to write in support of Kootenay Family Place engaging families through three 8-week initiatives in the 24/25 year.

COINS and KFP have worked together on many projects over the years and I am confident in their ability to offer safe, quality programming to families.

The My Tween and Me and Motherwise programs are highly effective in addressing the many issues that come along with raising tweens, and in coping with post-partum depression or emotional changes in new mothers. These programs give families very valuable tools in their parenting journeys.

During the summer months, many free community programs close, leaving vulnerable families at loose ends. Having summer camps at no cost will fill a much needed gap and provide a lot of fun and connection to children and families.

Please consider funding these three initiatives that Kootenay Family Place is prepared to provide to families in your area.

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Kris Salikin,MSW
Executive Director



Resources for Professionals

Perinatal mood and anxiety disorders (PMADs) are not a new experience, but it is only in recent years that awareness, understanding, and treatment have become more common. Increasing numbers in the medical and mental health professions are recognizing the disorder, educating themselves about it, treating it, and referring women who are at risk to other professionals and/or programs that directly address the needs of their patients. We are honored to work alongside providers in Lake County to support all perinatal moms.

Making Referrals to Mother-Wise

Mother-Wise is a **community resource** whose goal is to provide information and support to expectant and new moms. Untreated perinatal mood and anxiety disorders, including postpartum depression, can have long-lasting effects on the mother, father, baby and other children in the family if left undiagnosed and untreated.

Mother-Wise exists to support all pregnant women and new moms in Lake County; to provide support to women in an effort to prevent postpartum depression, and when not prevented, to help lessen its effects on mom and the family. **The best time for a mom to become involved with Mother-Wise is during her pregnancy** so we can all get to know each other before her life gets more hectic. However, referrals are welcome at any time within the perinatal period.

[Submit a Referral](#)



Screening for Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorders



Education + Training

Provider Spotlight: MotherWise Builds community connection

Select Language



May 10, 2021: For Mental Health Awareness Month, we're spotlighting providers and advocates who are making a difference in our communities. We spoke to Jessica Purcel, Director of Programs and Community Outreach at [Thriving Families](#), to learn about their unique approach supporting maternal mental health. MotherWise is a community partner of [Tough as a Mother](#), an initiative of OBH.



What is MotherWise?

MotherWise is the flagship program of our organization, Thriving Families. It's a healthy relationships program, and the mission is to empower women and their families to thrive. The program includes group-based workshops, where women can consider skills and tools, like how to manage family problems, resolve conflict together and improve communication, and receive one-on-one coaching. We enroll women who are pregnant or postpartum, and we also recently expanded the program to teen moms with children of any age. We're not county-specific, so we're able to serve all of metro Denver.

How do you support participants' mental health needs?

We saw a gap in mental health services for the families we serve, especially for those who are undocumented. About a third of the women that we enroll are monolingual Spanish speakers. We were seeing increased rates of postpartum depression or anxiety, and unfortunately, a lot of the women that we work with have experienced trauma. Thriving Families decided to start the Wise Wellness program, which offers therapy services in English and Spanish available to individuals, couples, families with no set amount of sessions. It's such a great opportunity to remove those barriers to access, especially for the Spanish-speaking community. These services have really grown during COVID. We've seen an increased need across the board.

We also launched a new program during the pandemic called La Luz. It's about preventing postpartum depression. La Luz is group-based workshops for women after their baby is born, and it's an opportunity for her to connect again if she went through the MotherWise program when she was pregnant. There's a new set of issues when she's postpartum—plus there's isolation and feelings of loneliness. La Luz really came about in response to wanting to foster additional connections in a mental health environment.



BROWSE BY:

TOPIC

RESOURCES

PROGRAMS

My Tween and Me

Building self-esteem in pre-teens, strengthening confidence in parents.

My Tween and Me is a facilitated group program that provides parents and their tweens with the knowledge, tools and support they need during the child's transition to adolescence. Offered to parents/caregivers and their children aged 7 through 12, the program strengthens parent-child communication and supports parents in building a positive relationship with their tween.

My Tween and Me helps develop parents' confidence and ability to positively influence and support their children. Through eight group sessions, MTM provides interactive learning opportunities that:

- Enhance knowledge of tween growth and development
- Build effective communication skills for both parents and tweens
- Promote positive youth development
- Foster strong family and community relationships

My Tween and Me uses the most up-to-date research and evidence-based parenting information to address the critical areas of tween relationships and development: home and family; school and friends; community; and the wider world of media and technology.

[Maria Morisseau](#) is the My Tween and Me Program coordinator, and is responsible for supporting community programming and inquiries.

Organization **Kootenay Doukhobor Historical Society**

Registration # S0008273

112 Heritage Way, Castlegar British Columbia V1N 4M5

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **2024 Borshch Cook-off**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, City of Castlegar

The project will be held at the Doukhobor Discovery Centre, which is located at 112 Heritage Way in Castlegar, British Columbia. Borshch stations for twelve to fifteen cooks will be set-up within the DDC's courtyard. Due to the increasing number of attendees at the Cook-off, portable toilets and handwashing stations will be set-up around the museum's perimeters. The entire museum will be open through donation during the day of the event to encourage everyone to explore our grounds and displays.

Importance to the community:

The Borshch Cook-off is an important community event because it is a celebration of heritage and cultural diversity. It has grown awareness of our region's diversity around the province. Last year, CBC Radio Kelowna interviewed DDC staff about the Cook-off, leading to several guests making a trip from Kelowna to taste and learn about borshch. For many participating cooks, borshch is a part of their family histories. It allows local cooks to reconnect with their heritage and their relatives, who help in the borshch making process, while giving them an opportunity to share their borshch making stories with friends and visitors at the event. It also supports local businesses and artists, as several supplies are purchased from local craftspeople and businesses. The Cook-off celebrates and grows awareness of our region's diversity, allows individuals to connect with their heritage and feel a sense of belonging, and supports local businesses and craftspeople.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 9/21/2024 Project End: 11/30/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
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Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
				\$1,759.84
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$1,759.84				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$3,500.00			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$7,019.68

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$7,019.68	\$10,891.68	\$10,891.68

1. The project will provide:

The Doukhobor Discovery Centre (DDC) is seeking funding to support the 2024 Borshch Cook-off. The DDC's Borshch Cook-off features twelve to fifteen cooks from around the Kootenay and Boundary regions. Each cook is required to prepare and bring three gallons of borshch from their home to serve to our judges and visitors who attend the event. The event runs from 10am to 1pm, with the judging component taking place from 10am to 11am and the public segment running from 11am to 1pm. The Borshch Cook-off is a celebration of heritage and cultural diversity in the West Kootenays. The event brings together over 300 people from around the province. Everyone who attends the Cook-off can experience and taste numerous varieties of borshch, while learning about the Doukhobors' history, local heritage, as well as Eastern European foodways. The Cook-off seeks to bring people together through a cultural food celebration as foodways promote cross-cultural understanding and often connect us to specific places, to our families and to our own heritage. With support from the KDHS Board of Directors, the event is organized primarily by the DDC's Museum Director and Office Manager, who are responsible for coordinating volunteers, purchasing all necessary supplies, and helping all cooks and judges register for the event.

2. Organization Mandate:

The Kootenay Doukhobor Historical Society (KDHS) and the Doukhobor Discovery Centre (DDC) exist to preserve and promote the historic cultural heritage of the Doukhobor peoples.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

The Borshch Cook-off is an important community event because it is a celebration of heritage and cultural diversity. It has grown awareness of our region's diversity around the province. Last year, CBC Radio Kelowna interviewed DDC staff about the Cook-off, leading to several guests making a trip from Kelowna to taste and learn about borshch. For many participating cooks, borshch is a part of their family histories. It allows local cooks to reconnect with their heritage and their relatives, who help in the borshch making process, while giving them an opportunity to share their borshch making stories with friends and visitors at the event. It also supports local businesses and artists, as several supplies are purchased from local craftspeople and businesses. The Cook-off celebrates and grows awareness of our region's diversity, allows individuals to connect with their heritage and feel a sense of belonging, and supports local businesses and craftspeople.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The 2024 Borshch Cook-off will be the fourth time in which the DDC has hosted this exciting event. We have made considerable improvements to the Cook-off every year. After each event, we have asked cooks, judges, and volunteers about the ways we can improve the Cook-off. This feedback has been central to our yearly improvements and have mitigated the challenges we encountered within the first couple years of hosting the event. In particular, portion control and having enough borshch available for the duration of the event was a challenge we encountered during our first Cook-off. Since then, we have introduced a standardized serving size, increased the amount of borshch that the cooks are required to bring from home, and implemented a ticket system so that each visitor can receive one serving of borshch from each cook. We plan to maintain this feedback system to continuously improve the Cook-off experience.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

Project: 2024 Borshch Cook-off

The DDC is best suited to deliver the Borshch Cook-off because it furthers our mandate of preserving and promoting Doukhobor heritage and cultural diversity and because we have the space to host over 300 people at the museum. Borshch is a prominent soup throughout the Kootenays due to the Doukhobors' presence in the region. As our museum stands as a replicated Doukhobor village, the Cook-off provides a unique visitor experience that allows people to taste different varieties of borshch within a village setting. We have also included more educational features, such as historical borshch facts and documentary films from which the public can learn about the unique and complex history of borshch. The DDC is an ideal location for the event because we have the capacity to comfortably welcome 300 to 400 people within our museum's courtyard and enough space to disperse portable toilets and wash stations on our grounds.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The DDC's Museum Director and Office Manager are responsible for planning and leading the Borshch Cook-off. The staff receives planning and event support from the KDHS Board of Directors and volunteers from our organization. This will be the third consecutive year in which the current Museum Director and Office Manager have planned and led the Borshch Cook-off. The experience gained in past years has provided the Museum Director and Office Manager with valuable insights that have helped us mitigate any challenges around the Cook-off.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes****11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

The Doukhobor Discovery Centre will seek in-kind contributions to support the 2024 Borshch Cook-off from several local businesses. Our in-kind contribution list from last year's event is featured below:

2023 First Place Prize: Gift Basket from Slocan Valley Co-op (\$100 value)

2023 Second Place Prize: Gift Card to Humble Bean Coffee Shop (\$50 value)

2023 Third Place Prize: Gift Card to Common Grounds Coffee Shop (\$40 value)

2023 People's Choice Award: Gift Basket from the Gift Box (\$50 value)

Bread and cheese donations from Castlegar Safeway and Kootenay Market (\$50 contribution per store)

Gift Cards provided by Kootenay Market for each cook (\$300-\$375 total value)

Small participant package provided by the Doukhobor Discovery Centre for each cook and each judge (\$200 total value)

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Your Sales Rep: SIMO ABDALI
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Your Quoted Pricing

QTY	Item Description	Item#	Your Price	List Price	Amount
360	16 Oz. Stir'N Sip Mug Black	VBTLPO3	\$4.48	\$4.48	\$1,612.80
1	SETUP CHARGE	04SETEV1	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00
1080	ADDL COLOR RUN CHARGE	04PCPEV5	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$540.00
3	ADDL COLOR SET UP CHARGE	04PCLEV2	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$165.00
Merchandise Total					\$1,612.80
Imprint & Set-up Charge					\$760.00
Shipping and Handling					\$102.16
Tax					\$297.00
Order Total					\$2,771.96

Estimated Ship Date: 2024-03-15

*Est'd Ship Date is based on current Product Availability & is subject to change in the future.

Quote Status: **Sales Quote**



This Quote is valid until 2024-02-25



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CUSTOMER #:
BILLING TEL:
SITE TEL:
SALESMAN: KIM COLENZO
CUSTOMER PO: BORSCH COOK-OFF

DELIVERY AND PICKUP **GST #: R105407738 (*=GST EXEMPT)**

TERMS: NET 30

RENTAL#	QTY	DESCRIPTION	EXTENDED AMT
PT01-01	3.00	PORTABLE TOILET	\$135.00
		DAILY: \$45.00 WEEKLY: \$45.00 MONTHLY: \$95.00	
		DATE OUT: OCT 01/24 11:28AM DATE DUE: OCT 08/24 11:28AM	
		RENTAL PERIOD: 1 WEEK(S)	
PT01-200	2.00	WASH STATION	\$100.00
		DAILY: \$50.00 WEEKLY: \$50.00 MONTHLY: \$200.00	
		DATE OUT: OCT 01/24 11:28AM DATE DUE: OCT 08/24 11:28AM	
		RENTAL PERIOD: 1 WEEK(S)	

SUBTOTAL RENTALS: \$235.00

SERVICES#	QTY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
2	1.00	TOILET DELIVERY/ PU	\$98.00	\$98.00
2	1.00	TOILET DELIVERY/ PU	\$98.00	\$98.00
18	3.00	TOILET PUMP - RETURN	\$55.00	\$165.00
44	2.00	WASH STATION SERVICE	\$55.00	\$110.00

SUBTOTAL SERVICES: \$471.00

TAXES	TAXABLE	AMOUNT
G.S.T.	\$706.00	\$35.30
P.S.T.	\$431.00	\$30.17

SUBTOTAL TAXES: \$65.47

DAMAGE WAIVER HAS BEEN DECLINED

GRAND TOTAL: \$771.47

I, the undersigned renter, specifically acknowledge that I have received and understand the instructions regarding the use and operation of the rented equipment.
 Renter further acknowledges that he has read and fully understands the within rental equipment contract and agrees to be bound by all of the terms, conditions and provisions hereof. Renter acknowledges that he has received a true and correct copy of this agreement at the time of execution hereof.

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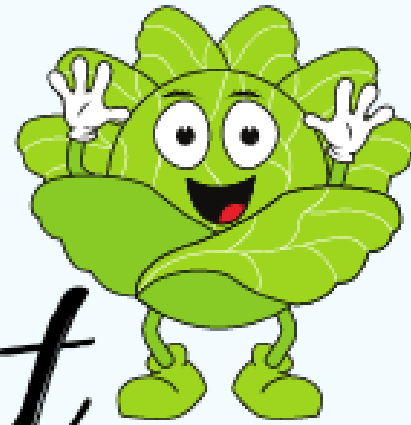
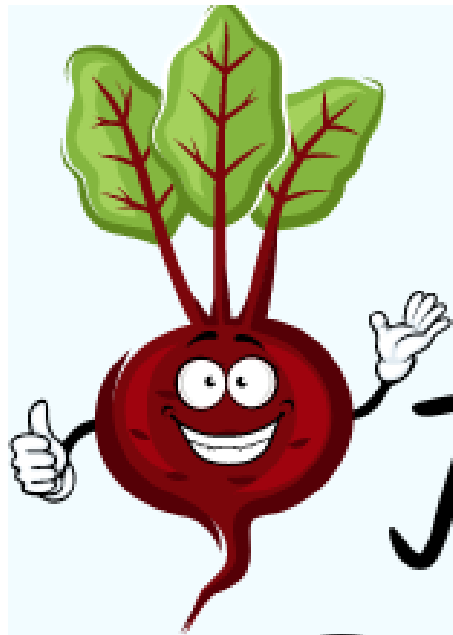
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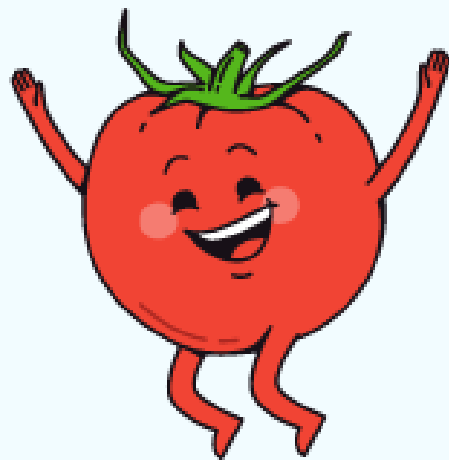
Borshch Cook Off 2024 Marketing Content

Social Media	
<p>Robust social media promotion prior to event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New 2024 judge interview Reels - Editing of 2023 event live footage for promotional video - Connecting with the West Kootenay Arts Council for event promotion - 5-7 social media posts total, consisting of 3-5 Reels and 2-3 static posts <p>(Promotions would begin starting one month prior to the event)</p>	\$1,000
Live event coverage for live social media stories and/or posts	\$600
Post-event recap videos (2-3 Reels)	\$600
	Subtotal: \$2,200

Total: \$2,200



The Great
BORSHCH



Cook off

**DOUKHOBOR DISCOVERY
CENTRE**

Organization **Living Lakes Canada Society**

Registration # 727136327RR0001

#202A, 330 Baker Street, Nelson British Columbia V1L 4H5

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Water monitoring for local climate change adaptation**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area B, RDCK Area C, RDCK Area D, RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, RDCK Area K

Monitoring sites have been established across the RDCK on Ktunaxa, Secwepemc, Sinixt and Syilx Nations territories.

The network has been designed to include a diverse range of watershed types. Monitoring carried out at each site can be used to infer conditions of other watersheds with similar characteristics, allowing the knowledge generated to improve understanding of all RDCK watersheds.

Many smaller community-based water stewardship groups also operate in this region - this project aims to complement and support their efforts. LLC would prefer not to receive funds from this program at the expense of applications for local/ Indigenous-led water stewardship initiatives.

Importance to the community:

This project will support improved watershed management and stewardship decisions that benefit all residents of the RDCK. This project is consistent with priorities identified in strategic plans and climate adaptation strategies identified by numerous communities in this area.

The monitoring being carried out responds to the community priorities identified in 2022 and 2023 related to tracking the effects of climate change and other impacts on water supply. Communities need to understand these factors to be able to implement adaptive management in the face of a changing climate.

The data resulting from this program will be shared openly through the Columbia Basin Water Hub database. We will collaborate with data users and produce resources to support interpretation of the data to inform decision making. The resulting information will be used to support local cumulative effects studies, land-use planning, watershed restoration, community adaptation plans and sustainable water usage practices.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Project: Water monitoring for local climate change adaptation

Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
\$0.00	\$0.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$15,500.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$15,500.00	\$759,863.00	\$759,863.00

1. The project will provide:

Living Lakes Canada has developed an innovative methodology to gather the data and information necessary to build climate resilience in the Columbia Basin. We are implementing a coordinated water monitoring network that reflects local priorities while also addressing scientific data gaps.

In 2022, we implemented this approach in the RDCK within the Mid Columbia-Kootenay region. In 2023 we expanded to the Lower Columbia-Kootenay region (map attached). Activities for 2024 will include monitoring of stream flow; water temperature; climate; high elevation ecosystems; groundwater, wetland and lake level; water quality and biodiversity at 67 locations across the RDCK.

To support local capacity building and youth engagement in water monitoring and stewardship, we offer community workshops and training on water monitoring protocols, volunteer opportunities, internships and employment opportunities.

The monitoring network is responding to the recognized need for critical long-term data to support community and ecosystem resilience in the face of climate disruption. The improved knowledge of our watersheds will support local climate adaptation and water stewardship initiatives.

2. Organization Mandate:

Living Lakes Canada (LLC) facilitates collaboration in education, monitoring, restoration and policy development initiatives for the long-term protection of lakes, rivers, wetlands and watersheds in Canada. Our mandate is to help Canadians understand, adapt and mitigate the impacts of climate change to water quality and quantity, biodiversity and healthy human communities through grassroots water stewardship activities. Living Lakes Canada bridges the gap between science and action to foster and normalize citizen-based water stewardship.

LLC serves to address the climate crisis as it relates to people across Canada. Our work encompasses water protection, restoration, and health. We build capacity through community-based water monitoring to help address climate impacts. We promote and facilitate cross-sector collaboration and research to increase water literacy and support progressive decision-making for improved water stewardship. Our successful leadership and stewardship templates have supported the creation of many other grassroots water stewardship groups. LLC has received multiple water stewardship awards and has been recognized by the federal government as a "best practices" example in community-based ecological monitoring in Canada.

Project: Water monitoring for local climate change adaptation

Our internal support functions assist our core programs and are currently managing an annual budget of \$4,344,098 including projects across Canada.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This project will support improved watershed management and stewardship decisions that benefit all residents of the RDCK. This project is consistent with priorities identified in strategic plans and climate adaptation strategies identified by numerous communities in this area.

The monitoring being carried out responds to the community priorities identified in 2022 and 2023 related to tracking the effects of climate change and other impacts on water supply. Communities need to understand these factors to be able to implement adaptive management in the face of a changing climate.

The data resulting from this program will be shared openly through the Columbia Basin Water Hub database. We will collaborate with data users and produce resources to support interpretation of the data to inform decision making. The resulting information will be used to support local cumulative effects studies, land-use planning, watershed restoration, community adaptation plans and sustainable water usage practices.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Climate impacts are resulting in extreme temperature and precipitation, flooding, fire events and diminishing glaciers. Existing water monitoring networks are insufficient to track and understand these impacts. Therefore, decision makers and community members do not have access to the information required to improve community climate resilience.

These data gaps have been identified in a series of reports from the Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium (PCIC) and Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) dating back to 2006. These reports highlighted the need for increased water data to help communities understand climate impacts and adapt.

Specific local issues and opportunities were identified through extensive consultation with the communities in 2022 and 2023 through online surveys and meetings, in-person community meetings and direct conversations. All levels of government, First Nations, local stewardship groups and the private sector were involved in community consultation which informed LLC's monitoring site selection.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

Living Lakes Canada has been leading the development and implementation of this project since its beginnings in 2017. Results to date, supported by the RDCK ReDi Grants in 2023, are detailed in the attachments to this application.

Our team is composed of 17 qualified full-time employees who bring a wealth of experience facilitating water monitoring and stewardship projects, with seasonal and part-time staff retained as needed. We have contracted the appropriate hydrology professionals to provide scientific guidance and oversight. Additionally, we are connected to a network of industry leaders and professionals who provide in-kind advisory support to our staff.

As this is a large-scale project, we are enhancing our capacity by working with local consultants, stewardship groups and community members to implement the monitoring.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The project is led by Living Lakes Canada and will be implemented by our staff, primarily based in Nelson. Summer students will be employed, providing job experience opportunities for local youth. Local consultants are also employed to support the operation of monitoring stations and provide technical oversight. Where possible,

Project: Water monitoring for local climate change adaptation

monitoring is carried out in collaboration with community stewardship groups, local governments and Indigenous communities.

- 8. Minors will be working on this project:** Yes
- 9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No
- 10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

All levels of government, environmental stewardship groups, Indigenous community members and knowledge holders, industrial water users, tourism and recreation operators, community drinking water systems, private sector consultants make in-kind contributions to the project through sharing local concerns and priorities. Many of these groups also contribute their own data to the Columbia Basin Water Hub database where it can be accessed by LLC and other data users. Local governments and landowners provide access to sites and share local observations and conditions. Community members support the monitoring activities as volunteers. We receive discounts and sponsorships from several monitoring equipment and software providers.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

LCK LRG Demographic Breakdown

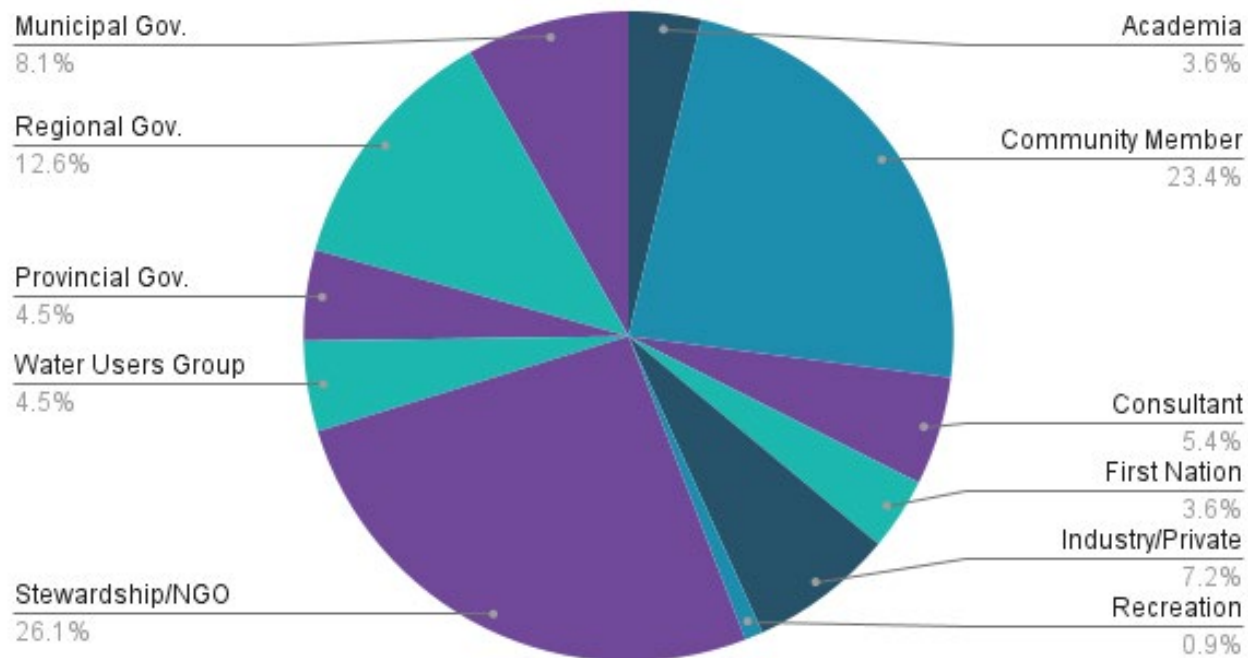


Figure 1: Participation in the Lower Columbia-Kootenay LRG across sectors and demographics.

QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS ABOUT WATER AND CLIMATE CHANGE

At the in-person meetings, participants were asked to generate questions or concerns they have about water and climate change. Prominent themes were around water supply, emergency preparedness and the impacts of human activity.

Select Questions and Concerns About Water and Climate Change From the LCK LRG:

- How will the hydrologic cycle change over time?
- What is the state of groundwater?
- What is the value of water?
- Are there enough monitoring stations to support climate predictions?
- Will my community have enough water (potable/fire hydrant) in future time of drought/wildfire?
- Are disturbed sites and undisturbed sites being monitored for comparison?
- What are the impacts on water quality and quantity from wildlifes or clear cut logging to the riparian edge?
- How vulnerable does our water supply have to be before it will take precedence over industrial interest?
- Will winter flows get lower in the future? What impact will that have on ecosystems, fish and communities?

Dumont Creek Water Users
6377 Paradise Valley Rd Box 155
Winlaw, BC V0G 2J0

December 17th, 2023

Re: Columbia Basin Water Monitoring Framework

To Whom It May Concern,

The Dumont Creek Water Users group supports Living Lakes Canada's implementation of the Columbia Basin Water Monitoring Framework (CBWMF) and the associated Columbia Basin Water Hub. Dumont Creek Water Users group was formed in 2019 to enlist community support to protect the Dumont Creek Watershed and Paradise Valley sub-basin. There has been over 100 years of logging and road building activities conducted in this part of Slocan Valley, including the Winlaw Woodlot 1832 tenure holders. The Dumont Creek Water Users group recognizes that the CBWMF offers a localized solution to the Basin-wide need for cost-effective and community-focused water monitoring that supports a science-based approach to decision making related to water supply for communities.

Through the CBWMF, Living Lakes Canada has installed a water monitoring station in Dumont Creek. This station collects hydrometric data to monitor seasonal changes in the volume of water in Dumont Creek. This station has provided valuable data in a catchment area highly influenced by the logging and road building activities of SIFCO. To provide context, extensive habitat fragmentation due to intensified logging and road networks have greatly influenced the Dumont Creek watershed. In 2019 the Dumont Creek Water Users group initiated a petition that stopped SIFCO's attempt to log the watershed. The data collected through the CBWMF is valued for communicating our needs and concerns to the Selkirk Forest District and their Authorization Forester. The Dumont Creek Water Users group therefore endorses the continued development and implementation of the CBWMF and Water Hub to help collect, store, analyze, and share water quantity and quality data in the Columbia Basin.

The work being carried out by Living Lakes Canada and the CBWMF is necessary for an improved understanding of what's needed for watershed resiliency during this time of climate uncertainty. As an organization that has benefitted from the support and resources provided through the CBWMF, the Dumont Creek Water Users group supports Living Lakes Canada in this initiative.

Sincerely,



John Wittmayer

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RE: Columbia Basin Water Monitoring Framework

To Whom It May Concern,

Slocan lake Stewardship Society (SLSS) is an environmental non-profit society for the protection and conservation of the Slocan Watershed through science, education and advocacy. The Slocan Watershed is an integral part of the Upper Columbia Basin water network, sharing ecological and cultural importance along with the Arrow and Kootenay Lake watersheds. SLSS continues to focus on conservation projects and initiatives that enable us to adapt and protect water sources in the face of climate change.

SLSS supports the Columbia Basin Water Monitoring Framework (CBWMF), the implementation of the Priority Monitoring Matrix and their ongoing work with the Columbia Basin Water Network (CBWN). SLSS currently does water quality testing on several north Slocan Lake tributaries. Working with Okanagan Nation Alliance in the fall of 2021, SLSS installed an additional 10 temperature loggers on fish bearing streams. On an ongoing basis, SLSS gathers and uploads this data and information into the CBWN.

To complement our current tributary monitoring program, we have a growing need to gain knowledge through alpine wetland, glacial and snow pack monitoring. The majority of our work to date has concentrated on foreshore, creek mouths and valley bottoms. We have recognized there is a long term need for higher elevation data and stream flow information. Since SLSS is dedicated to protecting the quantity and flow of water throughout our watershed, with higher elevation monitoring in place we can gain a greater understanding of climate impacts and improved basis for adapting to climate change in our conservation and restoration efforts.

SLSS endorses this initiative to develop a water monitoring priority matrix, along with a Water Hub and Monitoring Framework for the Columbia Basin. As a participant in the Mid-Columbia Kootenay Local Reference Group, SLSS will share our data, information and knowledge in support of this project. Bringing together water stewards, scientists, conservationists, indigenous, local and provincial communities will provide for well-rounded input that is needed for an initiative of this nature. SLSS recognizes that the multi-discipline, collaborative approach will be effective in developing an expanded, science-based water monitoring program for the Columbia Basin.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W King".

Wendy King, President
Slocan Lake Stewardship Society
Ph: 250-358-2826
E-Mail: wkconsul@telusplanet.net



MEMO

DATE: September 22, 2023

TO: Mid-Columbia Kootenay Local Reference Group

FROM: Living Lakes Canada

SUBJECT: CBWMF Pilot Year Data Summary for Mid-Columbia Kootenay Hydrologic Region

Living Lakes Canada acknowledges that the Columbia Basin Water Monitoring Framework project referenced in this Memo is taking place in the unceded traditional territories of the Ktunaxa, Lheidli T'enneh, Secwepemc, Sinixt and Syilx Nations who have stewarded these lands for generations. Recognizing Indigenous People as the rightful caretakers of their unceded territories, we work to complement their intergenerational work and Indigenous-led water stewardship initiatives.

Living Lakes Canada is completing its first year of data collection through the [Columbia Basin Water Monitoring Framework](#) (CBWMF) project. As part of the project's pilot year, water quantity, water quality, and climate were monitored in three sub-regions of the Canadian Columbia River Basin: the Mid-Columbia Kootenay (MCK), Columbia-Kootenay Headwaters (CKH), and Elk River Valley (ERV). The importance of this monitoring in understanding the state of freshwater in the Columbia Basin cannot be overstated — 2023 has been an unprecedented year with regard to snowfall, rainfall, drought, and wildfires. The following summary of surface water and climate conditions is based on the hydrometric and climate data that were collected in the MCK region. A full report will be released early 2024.

Across the MCK region, lower-than-average snowpack was followed by above-average spring and summer air temperatures, contributing to a very early melt of the snowpack and snow-free conditions one month earlier than is typically recorded. This early onset of spring snowmelt is what is expected under climate change and provides important context for future conditions. Climate monitoring at the Kokanee Glacier site (conducted by Alpine Club of Canada) found that the high air temperatures in April resulted in an early spring melt. These conditions are similar to what was observed throughout British Columbia.

Seasonal streamflow patterns show the effects of sustained high air temperatures, much earlier than normal snowmelt, and lower than normal precipitation during the spring. An exceptionally early melt was recorded by our hydrometric stations on MacDonald, Caribou, Silverton, Upper Wilson and Fitzstubs Creeks. The data show that the above seasonal air temperatures at the end of April triggered snow melt resulting in streamflows and water levels peaking in mid-May, one month ahead of typical freshet events. During this time, all creeks in the CBWMF showed a strong diurnal pattern, demonstrating that streamflow was driven by run-off from snowmelt, which reaches a maximum during mid-day when unseasonal air temperatures and solar radiation were highest. Since this time,

exceptionally hot and dry weather during the summer have spurred continued declines in historically low levels for many streams through the MCK.

This early melt combined with a hotter and drier than normal summer has had a significant impact on glacial-dominated systems such as Upper Glacier Creek. After several days of maximum daily air temperatures above 30°C, we observed increasing flows in the creek driven by the melting of high elevation snow and glacier ice. Streamflow patterns observed on Glacier Creek to date indicate that it is being fed by glacial melt. Continued monitoring of [Upper Glacier Creek](#) will allow us to track the changing input to water systems from glacially-fed streams as glaciers continue to recede. Data obtained from Glacier Creek will help to inform our understanding of how fast glaciers are melting in the Columbia River Basin and the impact on streamflow; this information can then enable modeling of nearby basins that contain glaciers, many of which are important water sources for local residents.

The unseasonably high spring air temperatures and corresponding streamflow patterns also impacted lake levels across the region. According to The [International Kootenay Lake Board of Control](#), high air temperatures in early spring caused water levels in Kootenay Lake to peak on May 18, 2023, one month earlier than historically reported. The [Arrow Lake](#) Reservoir has experienced lower than average inflows from tributary streams, contributing to a significant decline in water levels ([Arrow Lake conditions](#)). The CBWMF program is monitoring tributaries to both of these systems.

With continued monitoring, data collected by the CBWMF will be instrumental in supporting local climate adaptation and freshwater stewardship in the MCK region.

The CBWMF project is intended to expand upon the valuable monitoring and stewardship work carried out by local stewardship groups, First Nations, provincial agencies, municipal and regional governments, and the private sector to fill important data gaps across the region's complex landscapes. These include:

- Arrow Lakes Environmental Stewardship Society
- Alpine Club of Canada
- Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society
- Slocan Lake Stewardship Society
- Slocan River Streamkeepers Society
- Valhalla Mountain Touring
- Village of Silverton

Water data for the MCK are shared on the Columbia Basin Water Hub by many of these groups and can be found [here](#). Preliminary MCK data from the CBWMF project is available [here](#).

Living Lakes Canada continues to welcome community feedback and collaboration on the CBWMF project, and encourages the sharing of water data through the Columbia Basin Water Hub database.

If you have any questions, please contact: Paige Thurston, CBWMF Program Manager, at paige@livinglakescanada.ca.

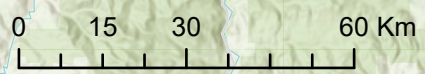
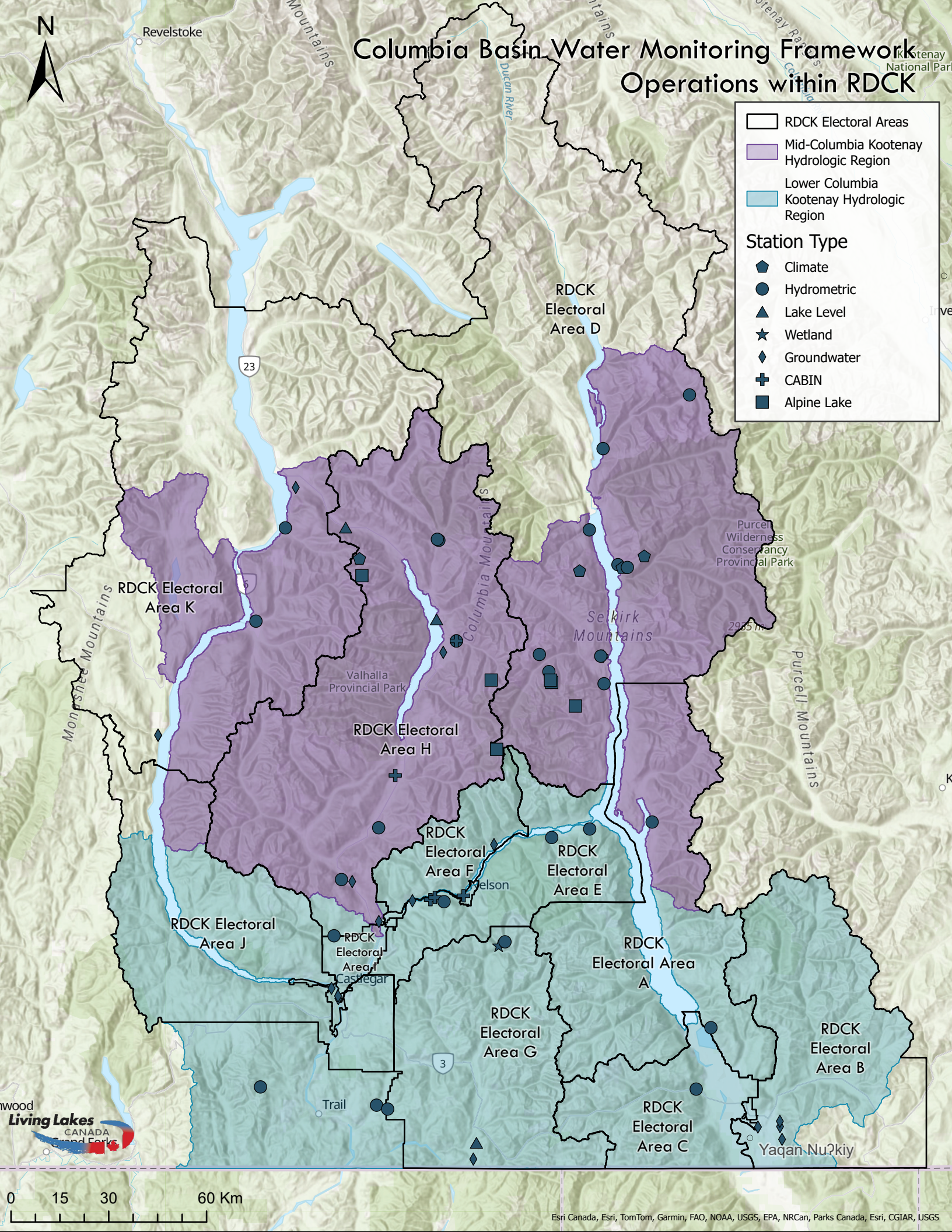
To learn more about the CBWMF, visit www.livinglakescanada.ca/cbwmf.

Columbia Basin Water Monitoring Framework

Operations within RDCK



	RDCK Electoral Areas
	Mid-Columbia Kootenay Hydrologic Region
	Lower Columbia Kootenay Hydrologic Region
Station Type	
	Climate
	Hydrometric
	Lake Level
	Wetland
	Groundwater
	CABIN
	Alpine Lake



Organization **Kootenay Wellness Foundation**

Registration # XS0078058

514 Vernon Street, Nelson British Columbia V1L 6H3

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kootenay Yoga Festival**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area B, RDCK Area C, RDCK Area D, RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, RDCK Area K, City of Nelson, Town of Creston, Village of Nakusp, Village of New Denver, City of Castlegar, Village of Salmo

Our festival takes place at the Vallican Whole Community Center in RDCK Area H but we will be making connections between folks throughout the West Kootenay region and encourage attendance from all surrounding communities. We have also held events in Castlegar & Nelson and are making allies with other festivals in the area. We use the Kootenay Yoga Festival & our year-round events as a platform to connect with the greater community which provides us more support & participation each year and brings us closer to our organization's larger vision; to create a community bursary fund for alternative health services.

Importance to the community:

This is the fourth year running the festival and the positive impact we've seen on at-risk individuals, local businesses, private health practitioners, and the community as a whole is significant. This project is incredibly important for promoting a healthier lifestyle for all communities in the Kootenays which greatly benefits our region as a whole. The long-term goal of our foundation is to create a community bursary fund which can support up to 100 low-income people with their well-being by giving access to holistic health services in the area. This will also allow more support to local businesses & private health practitioners as they will be able to reach a wider scope of clients, contributing to a conscious local economy. We will also promote indigenous health and reconciliation through our collaboration with the Autonomous Sinixt people and will create more awareness about the traditional territory we live on today.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/27/2024 Project End: 5/5/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
\$800.00	\$800.00	\$400.00	\$900.00	\$800.00
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$800.00	\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$800.00	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
\$150.00	\$2,000.00	\$150.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING	\$27,150.00

			REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	
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Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$27,150.00	\$55,250.00	\$55,250.00

1. The project will provide:

Our organization has been running an annual wellness & arts based festival in the Slocan Valley area, currently titled 'Kootenay Yoga Festival'. This is an inclusive event that not only promotes personal health but also fosters community engagement and supports local talent. Our upcoming event in September 2024 marks the fourth year of the festival and we expect approximately 300 attendants, attracting guests from the local area as well as from out of town. The festival builds a bridge between surrounding communities, artists, and wellness cultures in the West Kootenays and serves as a platform for individuals and groups to showcase their passions, performances, wisdom, and skills. Local artists will share their offerings throughout the weekend and we will also provide access to a diverse range of yoga & movement classes, self-development workshops, and educational talks. Surrounded by the natural beauty of the Sinixt tÉ™mxwÃ¸laÉ”xw (homeland), participants can learn about our local First Nations culture and traditional territory. We have formed a solid alliance with the Autonomous Sinixt, with their support, we create awareness on reconciliation and the cultural values of the Sinixt peoples through educational workshops with elder, Marilyn James. Our main focus is to make art and holistic wellness more accessible to the general public by creating an environment that supports physical, mental, emotional, and creative health.

2. Organization Mandate:

Kootenay Wellness Foundation is a non-profit organization with a mission to support individuals with their health & wellness by encouraging the use of the various holistic services offered throughout the Kootenay region. Our mandate is to make the wellness industry more accessible to the public to improve the overall health of our community. We work with financial barriers of individuals & families to provide free resources & low-income services for physical, mental & emotional well-being. Our goal is to empower people to improve their own lives through self-care and ancestral healing practices as well as to create a circular economy with the local businesses, practitioners & facilitators in our area. Overall our project budget is approximately \$50,000.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This is the fourth year running the festival and the positive impact we've seen on at-risk individuals, local businesses, private health practitioners, and the community as a whole is significant. This project is incredibly important for promoting a healthier lifestyle for all communities in the Kootenays which greatly benefits our region as a whole. The long-term goal of our foundation is to create a community bursary fund which can support up to 100 low-income people with their well-being by giving access to holistic health services in the area. This will also allow more support to local businesses & private health practitioners as they will be able to reach a wider scope of clients, contributing to a conscious local economy. We will also promote indigenous health and reconciliation through our collaboration with the Autonomous Sinixt people and will create more awareness about the traditional territory we live on today.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

We recognize the large population of at-risk individuals within our local communities who struggle with financial hardships as well as physical, mental & emotional health issues. As a result, we see a greater need for alternative health services to manage the daily stresses of life as well as more events, especially in rural areas, to enhance community connection. Our foundation is actively working on creating more accessibility to these services by offering a discounted ticket program to the festival for low-income folks as well as special youth passes and a

Project: Kootenay Yoga Festival

volunteer program which provides free entry as an exchange. By offering year-round events at an accessible price, we can also increase community involvement at our local gatherings & workshops. In addition, we will be using mobile outreach to bring events closer to those in rural communities and providing transportation options for those who may have difficulty traveling to our festival.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

Our team is a group of hard working individuals who are committed to improving our community through the vision of our foundation. Each person has the capacity to manage their time appropriately, complete important tasks successfully and use their valuable skills to make this project a reality. Our current team consists of Event Coordinator, Fundraising Director, Finance Assistant, Website Designer, Digital Marketing & Communications Manager, Sound & Tech Coordinator and Executive Director. We have had a very successful outcome from previous year's festivals and events, with lots of positive feedback and collaboration from our community. This has allowed us to grow a lot as an organization since the initial conception of this project. We are certain that we will be able to have the same kind of success in 2024 and we are very motivated by how we can truly impact the wellbeing of those living in our region.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Our KYF team of skilled individuals has been generously volunteering their time & energy for the start up of this project, however, this is an initiative that requires support from our entire community. We have a detailed plan for volunteer involvement with clear roles to support the planning & production of our events. We have also assembled an advisory board with members who have expertise in relevant areas and we regularly engage with them for guidance and feedback on how to successfully complete our project. Our sponsorship program also allows local businesses to be involved in and support the event.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes****11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

- Over 400 volunteer hours from staff positions,
- 50 hours consultation time from advisors

In-Kind Donations

The Hume Hotel - \$100.00
Yasodhara Ashram - \$110.00
Oso Negro Coffee - \$115.50
Ralcomm - \$213.00
Happy Gut Pro - \$215.28
Kootenay Co-Op - \$250.00
Kootenay Bakery - \$257.75
Viva Cacao - \$300.00
Kootenay Kombucha - \$336.00
Hall Printing - \$100.00
Mountain Valley Media - \$600.00
The Jam Factory Co-working space - \$1,929.38
Retreat Guru - \$1,617.00
Life Untethered Coaching - \$1,500.00

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Top Knott - \$600.00
Embracing Life - \$800.00
Love of Shiva - \$220.00
RONA/Maglios - \$397.98
Shady Spaces Corp - \$697.50
Radio Winlove - \$600.00

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Letter of Support

January 25, 2024

Kootenay Wellness Foundation/Kootenay Yoga Festival

To whom it may concern,

I would like to offer my support for the Kootenay Yoga Festival and Kootenay Wellness Foundation. I believe it fills an important community function here in the Slocan Valley.

In my work to develop an updated Economic Development Strategic Plan for the Slocan Valley, I reached out to a dozen local industry leaders, including Amy Heasman (KYF) from the Wellness sector. Amy helped by providing me with her observations and suggestions how stakeholders might best support the local Wellness industry.

The following recommendations can be found on page 51 of the Strategic Plan, which guides the work of the Slocan Valley Economic Development Partnership;

- Support non-profit organizations that support the Wellness sector.
- Support wellness classes, workshops and community networking opportunities.
- Sponsor community wellness events like the Kootenay Yoga Festival.

Over the past year I have witnessed Amy's initiative and development of the festival and foundation and have supported her, as best I could. I find Amy to be very collaborative, well-organized and community-minded. I have no doubt that her endeavours will prove fruitful and beneficial to the Slocan Valley community.

Additionally, I appreciate KYF's dedication to acknowledging and including meaningful local First Nations involvement.

I encourage other stakeholders to support Kootenay Wellness Foundation's work wherever possible.

Sincerely,

Ron LeBlanc

Slocan Valley Economic Development Coordinator - Community Futures of Central Kootenay
Serving Slocan, Silvertown, New Denver and RDCK Area H

Autonomous Sinixt

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To whom it may concern,

Autonomous Sinixt recognizes the Kootenay Wellness Foundation as an important local organization that provides access to barrier-free alternative health services to those in need throughout our local area. We recognize that holistic services are essential for optimal physical, mental & emotional wellbeing and that healthy individuals will make a healthier community for us all to live in. We will be supporting the Kootenay Wellness Foundation as they expand in their endeavors and look forward to the positive impact that it will create across the West Kootenay Region.

We appreciate the Kootenay Yoga Festival's efforts to include Sinixt cultural protocols and teachings in their mission, as a step towards establishing right relations with the land and the water in the Sinixt təmx'wúlaʔx (land) and creating accountability in reconciliation efforts.

Warm Regards,
Marilyn James
Autonomous Sinixt Matriarch



Schedule



SPACES

SPECTRUM FIRE EARTH AIR WATER ETHER

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH

9.00am - 10.00am	Somatic Yoga Flow / Heather Boyer	Buti Yoga / Tracy Frimpong	Intro to Yoga Philosophy / Stacey Arseneau & Rāj Chahāl	Sacred Breath / Danya Buac	*START AT 10h00am* Beyond Mindfulness Meditation / Terry Sidhu (75mins)	Cultivating Relationship with Green People / Cheryl Cook (90mins)
10.30am - 11.45am	Bhakti Yoga, The Story Inside / Jen Lebedoff (60mins)	Hand Drumming Workshop / Trevor Scott	Discover your Authentic Needs Through Ayurveda / Alison Evin (60mins)	Natural Dyes For a Colourful Future / Owen Nakamura	CLOSED	*START AT 11h00am* Kundalini Yoga / Surya Adi (60mins)
12.00pm - 1.30pm	LUNCH BREAK					
1.30pm - 2.30pm	Hold Yourself Accountable in Sinixt təm̓x̓'úlaʔx̓' / Marilyn James	CLOSED	Heal the Root Cause / Natalie Sawyer	CLOSED	Unpacking Emotional Triggers / Peta Thompson (90mins)	CLOSED
3.00pm - 4.30pm	Full Spectrum Flow with DJ / Leah Brown & Joaquin (75mins)	Tantric Meditation Workshop / Terry Sidhu (75mins)	Introduction to Bio Dynamic Principles & Compost Prep / Surya Adi (60mins)	Forest Play & Flow / Andrea Fox	*START AT 3h30pm* Sexual Healing / Tonya Don (90mins)	Hoola Hoop Workshop / Georgia Aurelia (60mins)
4.45pm - 6.00pm	Intro to Contact Improv Dance / Lena Timmermann	Restorative Yoga with Tuning Forks / Ellissa Crete	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
6.00pm - 7.00pm	DINNER BREAK					
6.15pm	Carolyn Medicine Songs and Flute performance	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
7.30pm - 9.00pm	Dance Journey into your Authentic Self - Elkemist, Dave & Trevor	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH

10.00am - 11.00am	Vinyasa Krama for Sustainable Daily Practice - Stacey Arseneau	Awaken The Wild Within - Erin Thomson	Regenerative Gardening within Rural and Urban Environments / Owen Nakamura	Deep Relaxation Journey / Andrea Fox	Reclaiming Ourselves Meditation Journey - Shelley Tomelin	Walking the Circle / Emma Cardinal (90mins)
11.30am - 12.30pm	The Art of Walking / Leah Carnahan	The SOMA Energized Meditation / Nicolas Auger-Chrétien	Moving Beyond Performative Allyship / Cheryl Cook	Magic and ritual for the modern mystic / Amber Tree	Awakening to a Deeper Belonging / Tahini Fornes	*START AT 11h30am* Sensory Meditation - Onasis Lama & Alison Evin (60mins)
12.30pm - 2.00pm	LUNCH BREAK					
2.00pm - 3.30pm	Harmonic Flow: Yang-Yin Yoga / Lisa Cyr, Trevor Scott & Dave	Vocal Alchemy / Carolyn Wall (60mins)	Unveiling Karma: Connecting Money and Mindfulness / Rāj Chahāl (75mins)	CLOSED	Sacred Sexuality / Tonya Don	Sacred Elements Ritual - Florence Gérin Beaulac
4.00pm - 5.30pm	*START AT 3h45pm* Embodied Liberation: Unleashing Authentic Movement - Lena Zimmermann	*START AT 3h30pm* Embodied Anatomy & Functional Movement / Heather Boyer (60mins)	*START AT 3h45pm* The Zodiac Wheel / Luna Veronica (60mins)	*START AT 3h30pm* Exploring Your Wilderness: Yoga for Recovery / Jen Lebedoff (75mins)	Community building through the eyes, heart and mind / Amber Tree	CLOSED
5.00pm - 6.00pm	Open Dance Space - Joaquin Klein	Yoga Nidra & Sound Journey Dave & Erika	CLOSED	CLOSED	Introduction to Circling - Jase Aether	CLOSED
6.00pm - 7.00pm	DINNER BREAK					
6.15pm - 7.15pm	Heart Opening Melodie's - Molly Jo	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
7.30pm - 8.30pm	Inclusive Concert - Avery Florence	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED

Organization **Kootenay Gallery of Art, History and Science Society**

Registration # 1979294106

120 Heritage Way, Castlegar BC V1N 4M5

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Relocation Administration Support**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, City of Castlegar

The project will largely take place in Castlegar at the Kootenay Gallery of Art though some travel may be required for additional research for gallery design and layout.

Importance to the community:

Ultimately, our goal is to relocate to the downtown city core with the final result being centrally located in a highly visible and easily accessible area

to increase public access to arts and culture within our city, our region, and beyond. It is understood our relocation will be an economic driver to support the community--inspiring potential new business growth, supporting local tourism, and exposure to arts and culture within our region; as well as, increase our overall attendance and revenue. It is believed access to a vibrant arts community combined with other recreational offerings will support the recruitment of new people to our city and region thereby supporting the local business/industry recruitment process. Overall, individuals and businesses in our community will benefit from our relocation project.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 5/31/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
				\$2,000.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$2,000.00				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$8,492.00			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$12,492.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
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\$12,492.00	\$35,144.00	\$35,144.00
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1. The project will provide:

The Gallery continues to regularly work towards relocating the Gallery from it's current rural location to the downtown core within the City of Castlegar. The central location will provide several opportunities: 1) increase community participation - easier access for the general public to arts and culture within the community; 2) Accessibility - within walking distances and/or on the bus routes, close to public schools, easier access for wheel chairs, etc. 3) assist and support the downtown revitalization programs. 4) increase our overall space for exhibits, gift shop, etc. With the additional space we will be able to provide additional arts/culture programming and performances.

This project will assist us with the transition and allow us to continue the project momentum through administrative support in research and development, planning, liaising with stakeholders, and assisting with project management. Administrative attention to details will be directed through the organization/attendance of weekly (sometimes 2X weekly) relocation meetings - in person & online meetings with partners, committees, planning advisors, stakeholders, architects, consultants, grant writers; minute taking; reporting and record-keeping; developing/creating content for collateral materials for community engagement, etc.

2. Organization Mandate:

The Kootenay gallery of Art, History and Science society is a not-for-profit public art gallery and a registered charitable organization. The Gallery is dedicated to presenting contemporary art exhibitions, providing art education programs and experiences for people of all ages.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Ultimately, our goal is to relocate to the downtown city core with the final result being centrally located in a highly visible and easily accessible area to increase public access to arts and culture within our city, our region, and beyond. It is understood our relocation will be an economic driver to support the community--inspiring potential new business growth, supporting local tourism, and exposure to arts and culture within our region; as well as, increase our overall attendance and revenue. It is believed access to a vibrant arts community combined with other recreational offerings will support the recruitment of new people to our city and region thereby supporting the local business/industry recruitment process. Overall, individuals and businesses in our community will benefit from our relocation project.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Currently, our building size is inadequate for our needs. As well, the current location is outside of the city and local bus routes, making it difficult to access without a vehicle. The new space will be close to triple the amount of floor/wall space we have. This will allow us the opportunity to support community program which has been identified as part our mandate and to bring in exhibits of various sizes. It will also provide easier access for the community to arts and cultural opportunities. We also project a significant increase in our giftshop sales thereby providing increased revenue for us and also for the many artists who show/sell their work at the gallery.

These needs and/or opportunities have been identified through strategic planning and also through community engagement - surveys and interviews, etc.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

Project: Relocation Administration Support

The Kootenay Gallery has over 40 years of experience in the successful delivery of organizing exhibitions and arts programming within this community and surrounding region. We have a record of completing projects, detailed recordkeeping, providing final reports and supporting the arts and culture within this area and service industry. Our staff and relocation committee members possess the necessary business, project management and technical skills to ensure this project is competently and efficiently carried out to completion.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The relocation project will be implemented by the Kootenay Gallery Executive Director, the Gallery's Curator, and the Administrative Assistant as they work with the Gallery's Relocation Committee and various other community partners and stakeholders.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

In-kind support contributions will also include:

Relocation committee volunteers - est. 3 people X 3 hrs/wk X 50 wks = 450 hrs in-kind (we expect volunteer committee work to increase over and above the state amount.)

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Salmo District Arts Council**

Registration #

PO Box 762, Salmo British Columbia V0G 1Z0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable - Queen City Burlesque Expo

Project Title **Queen City Burlesque Expo**

Project will be located in: City of Nelson, City of Castlegar, Village of Salmo
Salmo, Castlegar, Nelson

Importance to the community:

It has been brought to my attention several times that the Queen City Burlesque Expo helps to erase racism, to encourage people of all ages to feel confident in their bodies, and to make people from all walks of life feel safe. By creating a space where ALL people can express themselves, laugh, and celebrate the beautiful, the absurd, and the chaotic, people can get to come together and release their inhibitions. Audiences members and project participants often feel an exuberance not often felt anywhere else.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 3/20/2025 Project End: 3/24/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
		\$2,500.00		
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$500.00		\$500.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$3,500.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$3,500.00	\$12,600.00	\$12,600.00

1. The project will provide:

Queen City Burlesque Expo is a celebration of the Vaudeville & Burlesque Arts; With classic & neo performances by theatre actors, professional dancers, entertainers, and artists of all kinds, from various parts of the world, who gather together in the Kootenays to share in the joy of burlesque entertainment.

The Weekender also provides opportunities to expand our skills with one-on-one training, master classes, and by sharing space with award winning, celebrated artists in their field of expertise.

Mission Statement - QCBE Projects invigorate audiences, nurture healthy connections, and deliver extraordinary entertainment, lifelong learning, and shared experiences within communities across the East & West Kootenays.

Vision - To enrich, entertain, and inspire our communities, our guests, and our team through world-renowned and community-based programming in beloved gathering spaces.

2. Organization Mandate:

Queen City Burlesque Expo - A Vaudeville Extravaganza!

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Vision - To enrich, entertain, and inspire our communities, our guests, and our team through world-renowned and community-based programming in beloved gathering spaces.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Burlesque is an exceptional way to explore various forms of artistic expression, by challenging the social norms of beauty standards and by prioritizing that all people be seen, from all walks of life. At QCBE we celebrate BIPOC, Queer, and disabled artists from all walks of life, of all ages, and of all shapes and sizes.

The opportunity to share in the sheer joy of radical self expression in such a creative fashion is hitting the world by storm and the Queen City Burlesque Expo is becoming a sought after event by both attendees and performers.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

Queen City Burlesque Expo 2025 will be in its sixth season. In addition to this sixth weekender event, we have been invited to produce regular programming with Castle Theatre in Castlegar, Charles Bailey theatre in Trail, and Key City Theatre in Cranbrook, to name a few. Our team has hosted over 20 productions, received over a dozen grants, and curated multiple training programs for local artists to expand their skills. We have a proven track record for successful events that cater to and benefit both the East & West Kootenays.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The core team consists of:

Venessa Loubert, aka DÃ©jÃ Louve (Salmo)

Project: Queen City Burlesque Expo

Jocelyn Stuart, aka Beava Las Vegas (Salmo)

Velvet Kavanagh, aka Sugar Jones (Ymir)

Keenan Harrison (Nelson)

Plus paid technicians, crew, and volunteers.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

We sometimes receive contributions in-kind for raffle prizes, performer gift bag donations, and gifts for sponsors and special guests.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Sunday, February 18, 2024

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter of endorsement as I highly recommend and support Venessa Loubert (Déjà Louve) and the remarkable work she does for Queen City Burlesque Expo (QCBE).

I was a member of Vancouver's performing arts community for a decade. I am a graduate of Capilano University's Acting for the Stage and Screen Program and Langara College's Studio 58.

I have two diplomas in theatre arts. I am a well-known drag and burlesque performer in the Kootenays, and have worked in multiple productions for QCBE. I have over 15 years experience in multiple professional theatre performances and I have never experienced the caliber of creativity and integrity that Déjà brings to QCBE.

Déjà's professionalism, inclusion, and artistic depth is like none other I have witnessed. Her organizational and business skills are superb. Her capacity to treat everyone with respect and compassion is admirable. She goes above and beyond to ensure that her shows are well curated, as well as a safe a space for performers, audiences members, and everyone involved in the production.

As a performer and a producer, Déjà would always be my first choice to work with.

Sincerely,

Laena Brown
aka LBee

lbeedraglesque@gmail.com
250-505-0493

Sunday, February 18, 2024

My Name is Backdoor Breena (Brenna Macintyre) and I am a Burlesque Performer here in the Kootenays. I live in Salmo, BC and have been performing burlesque for 6 years.

Living and performing rurally can be challenging in many ways, but I love my village, and wouldn't want to be anywhere else. Deja's productions take some of these challenges away. She brings the big city to our small community.

Because of the events Deja has brought to town I have had opportunities to

- Improve my craft through classes
- Have in-person Mentorship
- Make connections to travel to other centres
- Be exposed to professionals with years more experience than myself and learn from their performances
- Bring the community together for fun events (Salmo Line Dance Night! to mention one)
- Take classes on other topics like: clowning, self improvement, non burlesque dance classes, photo sessions, & crafting just to name a few.

Having fresh blasts of creativity helps keep our burlesque community alive and keeps us motivated to bring the best entertainment to local stages and audiences. It keeps the local venues wanting to host these amazing events and audiences attending.

Deja's productions are inclusive and diverse, allowing people to see themselves on stage and be inspired. Burlesque is not just about performing, it's about body liberation and joy, it's about lifting each other up.

After shows I often have people come up to me asking how they can get involved and I can refer them to these opportunities that Deja has created through her productions. Whether you want to perform or not, participating in these classes can bring a lot to your life, and spark joy in ways you didn't expect.

Thanks for your time,

Backdoor Breena

breenamacintyre@gmail.com
250-551-9391

Organization **Castlegar and District Community Services Society**

Registration #

1007 2nd st, Castlegar BC V1N 1Y4

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable - Castlegar Integrated Services Collaborative

Project Title **Community Connect Day 2024**

Project will be located in: City of Castlegar

Hopefully at the Castlegar Complex again. We held it there last year, for the first event. It was successful in many aspects - accessible, common location that everyone knows, it could hold the capacity and the venue could provide the tech support for the microphones/music and a rentable kitchen.

Importance to the community:

This project is important because there continues to be an increase in the number of people living in "at risk" situations, whether that be inadequate access to healthy food (made worse by rising food prices), lack of affordable housing, or insufficient connection to supports.

This is made worse by the stigma associated with living in poverty or struggling with mental health issues or addictions, which can be a barrier to asking for help. The community (and in most places across the world) are still bouncing back from the pandemic - people are less connected and unsure of where to turn for support. By hosting a free event that is open to all citizens, it is hoped that some of that stigma will be reduced, and that vulnerable individuals and families will be able to access information and services that improve their quality of life, or prevent further negative outcomes.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/1/2024 Project End: 11/16/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$7,100.00			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$7,100.00

Project: Community Connect Day 2024

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$7,100.00	\$7,600.00	\$7,600.00

1. The project will provide:

The project will coordinate and host an annual one day event called "Community Connect Day" in the City of Castlegar highlighting the wide range of services available for community members. This event was held for the first time in November of 2023 with the support of a ReDi grant. It was an amazing success - over 400 people including service agency members and community members in attendance. This event will include housing supports, food security initiatives, literacy programs, health supports (mental health, dental, vision, etc.) income supplements, employment assistance and more. The event will continue to be free to participants and will include a free lunch. Service providers will have an opportunity to share information about their organization (with a booth or display), and those attending will be able to access information in a "one-stop shopping" model. The event will take place again in the month of November, organized by a paid coordinator supported by volunteers. If sufficient funding is available the event will also again include entertainment and a children's play and craft area.

2. Organization Mandate:

The Castlegar Integrated Services Collaborative (the "Collaborative") provides an opportunity to connect organizations, businesses, institutions, elected officials, and other individuals with an interest and stake in serving and supporting Castlegar's vulnerable populations, in particular people living without homes. This Collaborative is intended to support the sharing of information, cooperation, and collaboration amongst members on agreed-to plans, actions, and advocacy with other stakeholders and decision makers

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This project is important because there continues to be an increase in the number of people living in "at risk" situations, whether that be inadequate access to healthy food (made worse by rising food prices), lack of affordable housing, or insufficient connection to supports. This is made worse by the stigma associated with living in poverty or struggling with mental health issues or addictions, which can be a barrier to asking for help. The community (and in most places across the world) are still bouncing back from the pandemic - people are less connected and unsure of where to turn for support. By hosting a free event that is open to all citizens, it is hoped that some of that stigma will be reduced, and that vulnerable individuals and families will be able to access information and services that improve their quality of life, or prevent further negative outcomes.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Although there are many social services and supports available in Castlegar, not all of them are well-known. This what we hope will be an annual event will allow participants to gather information in a friendly, nonthreatening atmosphere, and to access services (such as signing up for a

Project: Community Connect Day 2024

library card) that they may not have accessed in the past. The information will benefit those already described as "vulnerable", and will also help support those at risk of becoming vulnerable by linking them up with the agencies and organizations that can provide them with services. The need for this opportunity has been identified through regular meetings of the Collaborative, which brings together organizations who would be involved in the event and those who would benefit.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

The CISC is made up of representatives from multiple service providers, institutions, different levels of government, businesses, individuals and those with lived experience. The CISC can hire a coordinator and provide links to all the necessary contacts. Additional partners will be recruited as the project progresses.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The project lead will be the Castlegar Integrated Services Collaborative (CISC), supported by its members, volunteers, and persons with lived experience, just like last year. The main organizations in the steering committee were CBAL, CDCSS, and IRIS. Local organizations and businesses will be approached to provide donations, coupons, giveaways, and door prizes again. A dedicated coordinator will be hired specifically for coordinating the event.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

All the partners organizations (presenters) will be participating on a volunteer basis, so their services and whatever items they may be handing out are provided in-kind. We also anticipate part of the food to be donated from local providers, and the time to prepare that.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

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LETTER: Thanks for supporting community connection event in Castlegar

The event offered an array of free services and items

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Nov 7, 2021 12:30 PM



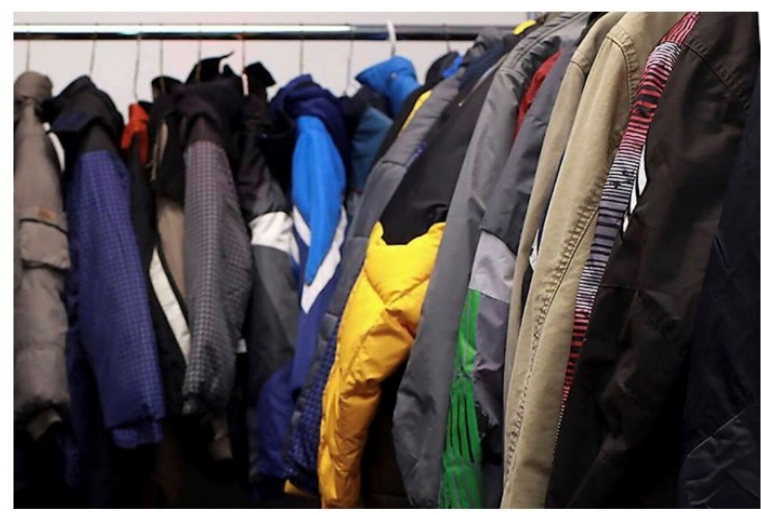
Kinnaird Park Community Church would like to express our gratitude to the many folks and businesses who donated towards the Community Connect Day. It was a joyful, successful occasion!

Help Shape Our Future!

Castlegar Community Connect Day happening Nov. 2

Learn about the wide range of services available from local organizations and enjoy a free lunch

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Free winter wear will be available at the Castlegar Community Connect Day. Photo: Victoria Cool Aid Society



**Thursday November 2nd
10:00am-2:00pm
Castlegar Community Complex**

Free!

*Everyone
Welcome!*

**Connect with Local Services
Hot Lunch Provided 11:00-1:00
Live Music
Free Winter Clothing
Art Activity
Kids Zone**

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Organization **Pass Creek Regional Exhibition Society**

Registration # S0035104

PO BOX 99, ROBSON BC V0G 1X0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Pass Creek Fall Fair**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area J, City of Castlegar
1095 Relkoff Road.

Importance to the community:

Brings community together for a weekend of education, entertainment and food. It showcases the multitude of talent, expertise and resources available in our region. Vendors benefit financially as well as create awareness around their products and services potentially expanding their customer base. Educational groups are given a platform to share information with the public and the connect with other similar organizations. Exhibitors (exhibit categories are listed in the fall fair booklet) are provided an opportunity to showcase their talents and to inspire others. Public benefits from time spent connecting with family, friends and community.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 9/20/2024 Project End: 9/22/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$10,000.00				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$2,500.00			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$12,500.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00

1. The project will provide:

32nd Annual Pass Creek Fall Fair. Bring together for the benefit of the public a variety of community groups, local businesses, food vendors, individual artisans, musical entertainers, local farms, educational organizations, exhibitors and youth groups. At this event, they are able to 1. Share knowledge about services. 2. Provide expertise. 3. Showcase their talents. 4. Connect with others. This will be achieved by providing the venue, organizational structure, advertising and the volunteers necessary to run this event. By providing entertainment such as Global FMX Motor Cross, Lawnmower races, dirt diggers earth movers, kids games, musicians on stage and RC Racing draws the public to the event.

2. Organization Mandate:

to exhibit the produce of local agriculture and country living, to inform visitors and encourage youth to learn about agriculture, to display agriculture in a form which will be attractive, educational and entertaining to people of all ages.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Brings community together for a weekend of education, entertainment and food. It showcases the multitude of talent, expertise and resources available in our region. Vendors benefit financially as well as create awareness around their products and services potentially expanding their customer base. Educational groups are given a platform to share information with the public and the connect with other similar organizations. Exhibitors (exhibit categories are listed in the fall fair booklet) are provided an opportunity to showcase their talents and to inspire others. Public benefits from time spent connecting with family, friends and community.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

As more and more of our families look to keep their food sources local and some require information on how to grow their own food and raise their own livestock, we provide an event that connects them to the resources available in our area.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

Our volunteers have years of combined experience hosting the fall fair. We are constantly reevaluating the fall fair to ensure quality and continuity of this important community event.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Ever-growing dedicated group of volunteers, many who have had years of experience with pass creek regional exhibition society.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

MTI- Free Bus Transportation for the weekend.
Chris Popoff Dirty Diggers - Entertainment
Interior Medical Transport - Ambulance on site for weekend
Robson Fire Department - Set up and Tear Down of fall fair
Castlegar Garden Club - Flowers for decoration

Project: Pass Creek Fall Fair

City of Castlegar - Barricades

Trowlex - Porta Potties

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **RISE Above Pain Society**

Registration # S0066615

203 518 Lake St, Nelson BC V1L 4C6

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Chronic Pain Management Series**

Project will be located in: City of Nelson, City of Castlegar, Village of Salmo

The Rise Above Pain Society board of directors meets in Nelson, however, the six week chronic pain management sessions take place in Nelson and surrounding areas. To date, sessions have occurred in New Denver, Salmo, Fruitvale, Silverton, and Nelson, with a 4-hour workshop having taken place in Castlegar. Tentative locations for 2024 include Nelson, Castlegar, and Salmo.

Importance to the community:

This project is unique in that a multi-disciplinary approach to chronic pain has been found to be the most effective way to manage the complex and often complicated nature of the disease. However, access to multi-disciplinary health services, and even basic health services for chronic pain can be very limited in rural and remote areas, for those on a fixed or low income, and those with mobilization and/or transportation challenges. By hosting an integrated series in the individuals' home community with an online component, accessibility is greatly mitigated, and the project is at no cost to participants. Mobility and physical accessibility are a priority consideration when choosing the venue for the series. By analyzing data from our past series we have found that when participants gain evidence-based knowledge, realistic strategies, applicable tools, and community resources and support, their experience with chronic pain as well as their quality of life improves.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/31/2024 Project End: 11/30/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	\$850.00	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
		Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp		
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$850.00		\$800.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$2,500.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00

1. The project will provide:

The project offers community members impacted by chronic pain an opportunity to attend a six-week workshop-style learning series about chronic pain self management. 60 to 90-minute weekly sessions will be held on an online platform over six consecutive weeks, with an option to attend an in-person session during week six in the host community. Each week, one or two health professionals from various backgrounds (e.g., physician, kinesiologist, pharmacist, art therapist, counsellor) will deliver chronic pain management information to participants. Sessions include but are not limited to: an introduction to the health focus and topic; a brief summary from the previous week's lesson, if required; an interactive lesson with lecture and practical components; a break; opportunities for participants to share discussion and ask questions. The board members collaboratively plan the series and discuss interest and tentative dates with local health practitioners, book the venue, market the series if required, and schedule practitioners for the individual sessions according to their availability. Local community members are booked to attend and participate in the series by request, at no cost.

2. Organization Mandate:

Rise Above Pain Society is a community-based organization that hosts 6-week information series to help people in our regional district living with chronic pain. The professionally facilitated sessions support individuals and care givers in becoming more self-sufficient in managing their chronic pain and increasing their quality of life. An integrated approach to healing through education, empowerment, and ongoing support has proven to be an effective and enjoyable way for community members to sustainably manage a very complex chronic illness. Our vision is to ensure every person living in the region has access to tools, resources, and supports needed to reduce the impact of chronic pain; the means to learn preventative measures; and the power to be in charge of their own health. We equip participants with evidence-based knowledge, tools, resources, and practical applications that work to achieve this.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This project is unique in that a multi-disciplinary approach to chronic pain has been found to be the most effective way to manage the complex and often complicated nature of the disease. However, access to multi-disciplinary health services, and even basic health services for chronic pain can be very limited in rural and remote areas, for those on a fixed or low income, and those with mobilization and/or transportation challenges. By hosting an integrated series in the individuals' home community with an online component, accessibility is greatly mitigated, and the project is at no cost to participants. Mobility and physical accessibility are a priority consideration when choosing the venue for the series. By analyzing data from our past series we have found that when participants gain evidence-based knowledge, realistic strategies, applicable tools, and community resources and support, their experience with chronic pain as well as their quality of life improves.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Chronic pain currently affects 1 in 5 British Columbians. Chronic pain can be debilitating, prevents people from working, makes it difficult for them to care for their families and can be emotionally and mentally straining. By giving people knowledge about chronic pain and equipping them with tools that they can use in their everyday lives, such as myofascial ball rolling exercises and mental health therapy tools to manage negative thoughts and the emotions associated with living with chronic health conditions, that can be completed at home free of charge, the Rise Above Pain Society is helping people achieve social, emotional, occupational and physical wellness, enabling them to lead more productive and rewarding lives.

Project: Chronic Pain Management Series

The issue of chronic pain as a debilitating condition affecting many Canadians has been largely studied, identified and discussed by organizations including Pain BC and HealthLinkBC.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

Our organization has successfully offered and facilitated several chronic pain learning series in many communities across the regional district since 2017. We are returning after a hiatus during the COVID 19 pandemic. We have developed and achieved our realistic community-focused goals, as well as learned from our limitations and adapted and improved our program. An example of this is that we used to host 8-week series, and due to feedback regarding length we have consolidated the series to 6-weeks and received higher attendance for the duration of the series as well as very positive feedback. We have decided to offer the program online this year to increase accessibility. We aim to continue to involve community stakeholders (participants, other community members, health practitioners and services, and community-based organizations) in the development of our project and seek to continue to meet community identified health needs in the delivery of our project.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Rise Above Pain Society board of directors as well as local health practitioners, including, but not limited to, physicians, yoga therapists, nutritionist, pharmacists, clinical counsellor, and kinesiologist. Often community members that experience chronic pain are involved in the implementation of the project as well, as their insight is useful in directing venue choice, specific health foci related to chronic pain that should be included, etc.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes****11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Volunteer service provided by the Rise Above Pain Society board of directors, many community members. Rise BC Wellness donates administration costs performed by their office/reception staff.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Castlegar Snowmobile Association**

Registration # S0054497

Box 3366, Castlegar BC V1N 3N8

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Parking Lot Improvements/Expansion**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, City of Castlegar

The CSA has 3 different parking lots in Pass Creek that need work- 2 on the Goose Creek side and another on the Norns side.

Importance to the community:

The CSA has always strived to provide the best experience they can to all users and one of our biggest issues now is the quality of our parking lots. People arrive and leave from our parking lots and that is the start and end of their experience....needless to say, driving and walking in muddy areas does not leave a good impression. All users of our parking lot areas will appreciate the improvements.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/16/2024 Project End: 10/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
				\$20,000.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$17,500.00				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$17,500.00			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$55,000.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$55,000.00	\$75,137.24	\$75,137.24

1. The project will provide:

The project is to expand the existing parking lots, properly grade to help drainage, compact and topcoat with road crush. This will definitely improve the parking lots by allowing water to drain rather than pool-which creates a very muddy area. It will also help keep level and smooth for snowplowing, helping reduce damage to the vehicle.

2. Organization Mandate:

The Castlegar Snowmobile Association is a non-profit organization that has been providing outdoor enthusiasts access to our local area. Through local funding, volunteers, community support, memberships and fundraising, the CSA has continued to grow for over 30 years. The CSA grooms and maintains multiple trails and warm-up cabins, plows parking lots and brushes roads during the off-season for the enjoyment of both locals and out of town visitors.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

The CSA has always strived to provide the best experience they can to all users and one of our biggest issues now is the quality of our parking lots. People arrive and leave from our parking lots and that is the start and end of their experience....needless to say, driving and walking in muddy areas does not leave a good impression. All users of our parking lot areas will appreciate the improvements.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The parking lots have never been properly graded, compacted or surfaced with gravel. They are quite rough, don't drain properly and become quite muddy and rutted throughout the season. These issues make it hard to plow during the winter, creates a mess for the people using the parking lots and is hard on vehicles. We are also hoping to increase the size of the parking lots to help accommodate the increased usage.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

The CSA has had a very good track record with all the projects that they have initiated and been involved with. We have had incredible community support through local government, businesses, volunteers and both members and visitors to our area. Once again, we will be relying on all of their combined efforts to complete this project.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The project will include volunteers from the CSA to help with organizing and project management, local contractors for supplying equipment and trucking and local businesses for materials.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Project management will be done by CSA volunteers

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

MARKIN INVESTMENTS LTD.

**Quote# 001
April 27, 2021**

GST# 84538 6119 RT0001
1908 Makayev Rd.
Castlegar BC
V1N-4K3
(250) 365-7725
colinmarkin1@gmail.com



Quote to Party: Castlegar Snowmobile Association

Task: Reshape Parking lots with native fill to improve drainage and soil stabilization. Cap with 4" Road Crush on main traveled portion

Note: Thank you for the opportunity to be of Service. *Colin*

Cast Snowmobile Association

Description	Materials	labor	Equip
MOBE DEMOBE Lady Bird Park lot	0.00	135.00	1,420.00
Cut Fill Parkin Lot Native	1,560.94	1,350.00	7,105.00
3/4 Road Gravel, Crush	3,524.71	0.00	6,677.50
\$21,773.15 Lady Bird Park Lot			
MOBE DEMOB Goose Creek Park Lot	0.00	135.00	1,420.00
Cut Fill Parkin Lot Native	1,560.94	1,350.00	7,255.00
3/4 Road Gravel Crush	6,848.00	0.00	7,120.00
\$25,688.94 Goose Park Lot			
MOBE DEMOB Goose Creek Extra Park Lot	0.00	0.00	2,220.00
Stump, Strip and Excavate	0.00	2,250.00	17,855.00
3/4 Road Crush Gravel	2,517.65	0.00	2,832.50
27,675.15 Goose Extra Park Lot			
Sub-Totals	16,012.24	5,220.00	53,905.00

On behalf of CSA

Grand Total(w/PST)

75,137.24

Organization **Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network**

Registration # 862502432RR0001

PO Box 46, Invermere BC V0A 1K0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Wild Voices for Kids in RDCK**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area B, RDCK Area C, RDCK Area D, RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, RDCK Area K, City of Nelson, Town of Creston, Village of Nakusp, Village of New Denver, City of Castlegar, Village of Salmo

This project will take place in schools and off-campus field study sites across the RDCK.

Importance to the community:

Wild Voices for Kids is important to our community as it offers localized environmental learning experiences to RDCK students, allowing them to better understand their relationship with the natural world outside their doorstep. Teachers benefit from WildVoices by supplementing their classroom inquiry with curriculum-linked, topical programs. Our Community Educators benefit by sharing their knowledge and passion with local students and receiving honoraria for their time in delivery. Through participation in WildVoices presentations and field studies, students benefit by connecting to our local ecosystem, and a responsibility to steward their natural surroundings.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/1/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
	\$500.00	\$200.00		
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			\$400.00	\$500.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$400.00				\$300.00
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$2,400.00	\$2,050.00		
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$6,750.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$6,750.00	\$32,103.00	\$32,103.00

1. The project will provide:

Wild Voices for Kids supports school-based environmental education in the Columbia Basin by connecting K-12 teachers and students to hands-on presentations and field-studies, based on the local environment. These presentations and field-studies are created and delivered by community educators who are experts in their field, including biologists, ecologists, geographers, foresters, mountain guides, and cultural liaisons.

The goals of the Wild Voices program include:

1. Assisting teachers in reaching their curriculum goals in engaging and innovative ways.
2. Facilitating learning opportunities that foster ecologically literate students.
3. Providing access to environmental learning for students and teachers in the Columbia Basin through at least 100 fully subsidized and 100 heavily subsidized presentations each school year, with unlimited presentations available at slightly subsidized rates.

Since 2008, students across the Columbia Basin have received curriculum-linked presentations and hands-on field studies through Wild Voices. ReDi funding would be used to cover honoraria for Community Educators delivering presentations, bussing expenses for student travel to field-based studies, and program coordination costs for Wild Voices presentations delivered to students in RDCK.

2. Organization Mandate:

Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network's (CBEEN) mission is to encourage environmental sustainability and stewardship in the Canadian Columbia Basin by supporting environmental educators. CBEEN accomplishes this mission through three key focus areas:

1. Building capacity through professional development, information sharing, and networking opportunities for educators.
2. Facilitating collaboration amongst schools, community groups, and environmental education professionals.
3. Coordinating and promoting environmental education programs, events, and resources. CBEEN has successfully been delivering the Wild Voices for Kids program since 2008.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Wild Voices for Kids is important to our community as it offers localized environmental learning experiences to RDCK students, allowing them to better understand their relationship with the natural world outside their doorstep. Teachers benefit from WildVoices by supplementing their classroom inquiry with curriculum-linked, topical programs. Our Community Educators benefit by sharing their knowledge and passion with local students and receiving honoraria for their time in delivery. Through participation in WildVoices presentations and field studies, students benefit by connecting to our local ecosystem, and a responsibility to steward their natural surroundings.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The Wild Voices for Kids (WVFK) program was developed in 1997 in response to an identified challenge. A survey conducted by Parks Canada and Rocky Mountain School District 6 revealed two major barriers to students' outdoor and environmental learning in the public system: access to specialist educators and funds for bussing to field sites. To address these needs, WVFK was established that very same year. Since assuming WVFK in 2008, and expanding the program to the other school districts in the Columbia Basin (school districts 5, 8, 10, 19 and 20), as well to all private schools in the Basin, CBEEN has continued to offer complimentary and subsidized hands-on environmental educational programs for all students, as well as bussing to off-campus field study sites.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

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CBEEN was established in response to an identified need for a professional network that could build capacity among environmental educators in the Columbia Basin region. Oneway CBEEN accomplishes this goal is through the coordination and promotion of environmental education programs, such as the Wild Voices for Kids (WVFK) program. CBEEN has been delivering the WVFK program since 2008. The Community Educators delivering presentations for the WVFK's program include BC certified teachers, wildlife biologists, geologists, naturalists, foresters, habitat restoration technicians, and other professionals.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

In addition to working with local schools and the school districts, the Wild Voices for Kids program also involves community educators that deliver the presentations.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

In-kind sources include: (the following is for the entire Basin. ~36% of the Wild Voices project takes place in RDCK)

- \$5,000 for the time of the volunteers on the Wild Voices Advisory Committee (2 meetings/yr x 8 ppl @ 7.5 hrs (4 hrs prep + 2.5 hr meeting + 1 hr follow up) x \$31.25) + (8 ppl x 5hrs of ongoing email consultations/yr x \$31.25)
- \$30,000 volunteer time from community educators through program development time, and time driving to and from program deliver sites(30 programs submitted/yr x 20 hrs of time to create program x\$25/hr) + (600 hrs of program prep/travel/follow up in the year x\$25/hr)
- \$5,000 bussing expenses from school district 6 for SD6 students to attend Wild Voices field studies (~ 20 bus trips @ \$250/trip)
- \$15,000 for school district liaison time (1 liaison per each of the 6school districts, x 1 week of time @ \$500/day)

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Trafalgar Middle School,
% School District 8, Kootenay Lake
Nelson, BC
V1L 1X8

February 9, 2023.

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to offer this letter of support for the Columbia Basin Environmental Education Network (CBEEN) and the Wild Voices program, representing Aboriginal Education in School District 8, Kootenay Lake. The workshops that I have participated in with students in indigenous education have been nothing short of astonishing.

This year, our school groups participated in Winter Survival Skills, Plant Medicine, and A Tree Story with the incredible knowledge-sharer Shanoon Bennett. The students, other teachers, and I learned an incredible amount of information that each of us will carry forward in our teaching repertoire to the extreme benefit of the future generations of this fortunate community. It is not hyperbole to state that these programs have educated me as a teacher in what I consider some of the most valuable ways in my 17 year long teaching career.

Having the next generations learn on the land, with the land, and from the land, with a caring Wild Voices educator has been an incredibly invaluable gift for students and teachers alike. If this program is defunded, I cannot imagine the loss to this community, including the crawlers, the flyers, the swimmers, the four-leggeds, the two-leggeds, especially considering the trickle effect of these teachings down through generations. It seems that the necessity of continuing these programs could not be more relevant in order to inspire future generations to steward these lands. Please continue to make these programs a priority—our children need them, our animals, and bugs, and fish, and birds, and trees need them. We are so grateful for these programs, it would be an extraordinary loss for us all to lose them.

With love and gratitude,

Jaclyn Dexter
Aboriginal Educator
School District 8, Kootenay Lake

What Teachers are saying

The information we had been studying was given a personal **perspective** from which now to attach this information. The real and **hands-on experience** made a big impact.

- Sheena, Robson Community School, Robson on *Agriculture & the Environment*



[The educator] **captivated** the students and got them making deep and **insightful connections** about our learning.

- Kyoko, Lucerne Elementary Secondary, New Denver on *Homing in on Habitat*



Having a **biologist** available to answer questions about wildlife was important as ... I think it is important for students to **learn from the experts.**

- Anita, Nakusp Elementary, Nakusp on *Avalanche Skills*

[The program] fit into the Grade 2 science, social studies, and health with a **strong Indigenous** component overall. The students were very engaged in foraging, tasting, and playing **plant resources games.**

- Catherine MacKinnon, Kinnaird Elementary, Castlegar on *Incredible Edibles*



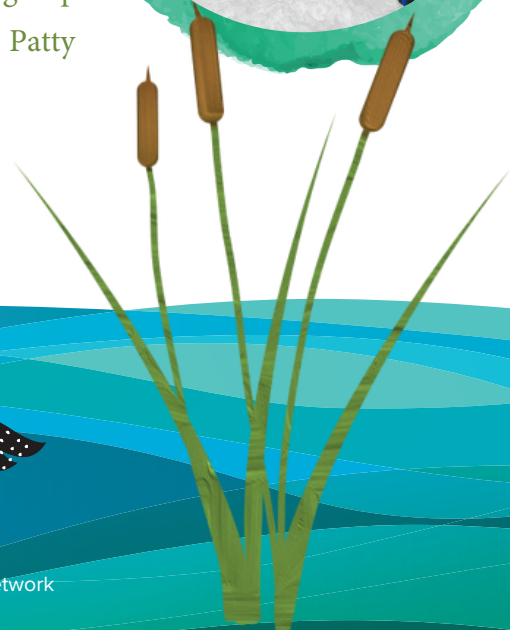
[The program] focused on behavioural adaptations of animals in our local environment and how they survive in winter and natural features of our environment. Building tarp shelters gave students the opportunity for **cooperative group work.** Patty also taught us many of the indigenous names of the animals.

- Susan Potter, Kootenay Orchards, Cranbrook on *Animal Survival*



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Organization **THE CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY LA SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE DE LA CROIX-ROUGE**

Registration # 119219814RR0001
3400 Lake City Way, Burnaby British Columbia V5A 4Y2

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Maintaining the Stocks of HELP Free Equipment Loans for RDCK Seniors**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area B, RDCK Area C, RDCK Area D, RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, RDCK Area K, City of Nelson, Town of Creston, Village of Nakusp, Village of New Denver, City of Castlegar

This project will benefit clients who borrow equipment in Castlegar (the Hub), Nelson, Kaslo, and Trail. The system works on a hub-and-spoke model; repair and maintenance is performed in Castlegar, while equipment is transported by van to and from the outlying offices depending on need.

Advantages of hub-and-spoke are:

1. A shared pool of equipment allows for allocating equipment as demands change; and
2. A high-temperature washer in Castlegar guarantees infection control for returned equipment.

Alongside a request to the RDCK, this project will potentially impact every municipality, electoral area, and First Nations community in the West Kootenays.

Importance to the community:

There are four main groups of clients who access the HELP service:

1. Seniors who have been temporarily disabled (usually post-surgery) and require short-term loans while they recover;
2. Clients of all ages who are permanently disabled and already fully reliant on a mobility device but are undergoing corrective surgery that requires a short-term loan of additional equipment;
3. Seniors who have become permanently disabled and borrow from the HELP office in the period before they purchase their own mobility device. For some, the process of adopting a full-time device can be difficult; a loan can ease them in;
4. Palliative patients spending their final days at home cared for by loved ones. HELP not only supports these patients, but also their family members and caregivers as they struggle to help their father, mother, or grandparent spend that time in comfort and safety, and with dignity.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/1/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			\$840.00	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I

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		\$625.00	\$840.00	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$4,375.00		\$5,200.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$11,880.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$11,880.00	\$11,880.00	\$11,880.00

1. The project will provide:

This project will support Kootenay seniors by purchasing approximately 124 articles of replacement medical equipment to stock the HELP offices of the RDCK. Each year, as much as 10% of equipment stocks leave the system as it reaches the end of its service life.

At the same time that RDCK equipment stocks are being naturally depleted, the demand for HELP medical equipment loans steadily ticks upward alongside the growth in the RDCK senior demographic. Between 2016 and 2021, the number of seniors in the RDCK increased by more than 2500. In addition, a larger proportion of seniors in rural BC communities use the HELP service to access medical equipment compared to seniors in urban population centres. In Greater Victoria for example, 1.94% of the population accessed HELP last year. In the RDCK, that number jumps to 2.57%.

A fresh injection of equipment into the HELP system through the RDCK ReDi, and proportional requests through the RDKB (\$8120), will ensure that volunteers can continue providing thousands of mobility, toileting, bedroom, and bathing equipment to Kootenay seniors in need.

2. Organization Mandate:

The mission of the Canadian Red Cross is to help people and communities in Canada and around the world in times of need and support them in strengthening their resilience. CRC operates in two areas: Emergencies and Community Health. Emergency responses ranges from remediating the impacts of natural disasters that affect whole communities to individual disasters such as house fires. Community Health services differ across the country responding to local needs and gaps. Through these two fields of work, the Red Cross supports Canadians when help is needed most.

For RDCK residents recovering in their homes following injury, illness, or surgery, the RDCK Health Equipment Loan Program (HELP) program provides no cost, by-donation only, short-term medical equipment loans allowing community members to safely recover, to participate in community life, and get back to their lives. Upon referral from a healthcare professional, the equipment is loaned to the recipient for up to six months.

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Especially important is that the HELP offices of the RDCK are local, and strategically situated in towns to provide the easiest access for the largest number of people. This network allows seniors to borrow the equipment from a facility that is close to home. Without this convenience, some may decide to go without the equipment they need to guarantee their safety as they recover in their homes.

While the largest group of clients are over 65 years and recovering from hip or knee replacement surgeries, RDCK HELP volunteers loan medical equipment to community members young and old. The remaining clients are those who have been ill, in car accidents, or are recuperating from disease-related surgeries. Even for the young and healthy who will recover quickly, purchasing a wheelchair for a one-month recovery period is not only inefficient, but often unaffordable. By facilitating community sharing of specialized medical equipment distributed from offices primarily managed by local volunteers, HELP operations are lean, efficient, cost-effective, and accessible.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

There are four main groups of clients who access the HELP service:

1. Seniors who have been temporarily disabled (usually post-surgery) and require short-term loans while they recover;
2. Clients of all ages who are permanently disabled and already fully reliant on a mobility device but are undergoing corrective surgery that requires a short-term loan of additional equipment;
3. Seniors who have become permanently disabled and borrow from the HELP office in the period before they purchase their own mobility device. For some, the process of adopting a full-time device can be difficult; a loan can ease them in;
4. Palliative patients spending their final days at home cared for by loved ones. HELP not only supports these patients, but also their family members and caregivers as they struggle to help their father, mother, or grandparent spend that time in comfort and safety, and with dignity.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

HELP primarily loans equipment to seniors who do not have extended healthcare insurance and live on a tight fixed income. Accessing HELP equipment is more involved than renting equipment from a company. All HELP clients must be referred from a healthcare professional so it first requires communication with the healthcare system and then communicating with the HELP team. Because of this, most HELP clients are seniors on fixed incomes who would have to pay for a rental out-of-pocket.

There are many BC seniors who live in poverty or straddle a fine line between paying bills and buying food. Many are property-rich but live on very strict incomes.

At up to \$350 a month to rent a wheelchair, raised toilet, shower bench, and a two-wheeled walker following a hip replacement surgery, HELP may be the only option for RDCK seniors that doesn't hurt them financially.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

Last year, the three programs of the BC HELP service loaned more than 197,000 articles of medical equipment to more than 100,000 British Columbians from HELP offices and hospital locations across the province. BC HELP is the largest no-cost, by-donation only, medical equipment loan service anywhere in the world. HELP is uniquely positioned to deliver this essential service. The competence and determination of HELP leadership, staff, and volunteers have ensured the program has continued even through the darkest times.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

While there is a single employee based out of the Castlegar HELP office, volunteers alone open and close HELP offices in Castlegar, Nelson, and Kaslo. In 22/23, 24 local volunteers spent 2644 hours giving back to the RDCK

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community through the HELP service. If paid at minimum wage, their time and energy equals a donation of more than \$44,000.

Given that the largest group of RDCK HELP volunteers is seniors, many of whom were once HELP clients themselves, this level of volunteerism is especially admirable.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Hands down, the most significant contribution to the RDCK HELP program is from local volunteers who contributed work worth more than \$44,000 by:

1. Opening and closing each of the outlying HELP offices
2. Providing front desk customer service, maintain records, and enter data into the database
3. Working directly with clients and health care professionals to fulfill equipment requests
4. Accepting donations - receipting, reconciliation, and banking
5. Assisting with the disinfection and repair of returned equipment in Castlegar.

Key partners also include the health care professionals who refer clients to HELP services. Referrals make certain that clients get exactly the equipment they need, prescribed by a specialist. Because all HELP loans require a referral from a health care professional, and every physical therapist in the RDCK knows the program well, anyone in need of equipment will be directed to the HELP program.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

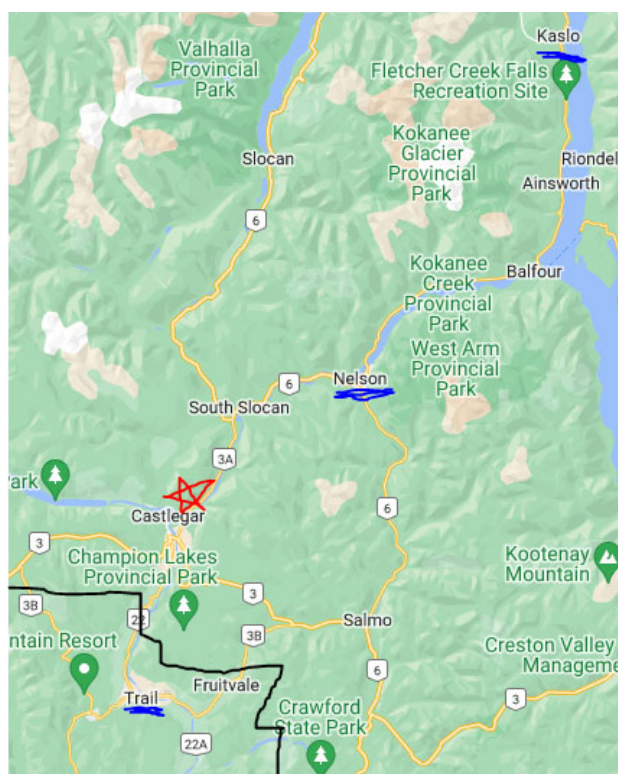
Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Service Statistics - RDCK HELP Offices: Nov 1, 2022 - Oct 31, 2023 (one year)*

RDCK HELP Offices	Total Clients Served	Articles Loaned
Castlegar	388	893
Nelson	551	1253
Kaslo	50	100
TOTAL	989	2246

The HELP Service Region vs. the RDCK and RDKB ReDi Grant Boundaries



At left is a rough map of the HELP service region comprised of four HELP offices: Castlegar, Nelson, and Kaslo in the RDCK, and the Trail office in the RDKB. The stocks of medical equipment available for loan is shared between the four offices of the service region.

You will also notice that that the HELP service region overlaps the funding areas of the RDCK ReDi Grant stream *and* the RDKB ReDi Grant stream. Thus, we will submit funding requests to both streams ensuring that they are exactly proportional to the service provided.

In the geographic centre, the Castlegar office serves as the maintenance and repair hub for the service region. Clean and returned equipment is transported by van to and from the hub out to the surrounding offices in Nelson, Kaslo, and Trail.

How Each RDCK Funding Request Was Determined

To achieve full transparency in our funding requests across the CBT, we have used one year of service statistics (Nov 1 – Oct 31) to show how each funding area has benefitted from the HELP service. We have used this data to guide our requests and justify the amounts we have put forward.

The total funding request of \$20,000 for the HELP service region was determined by the ongoing need for new medical equipment for loan from the three RDCK HELP offices. The request submitted through the RDKB ReDi Grant stream of \$8120 is exactly proportional to the service provided in each of the HELP locations.



RDCK Funding Requests by Area

To determine the exact proportional requests, we added up the total clients from each funding stream who visited any of the three RDCK HELP offices.

Funding Area	Clients Served (one year)	Percent of Total Clients Served	Funding Request
City of Castlegar	366	21%	4375
City of Nelson	444	25%	5200
Town of Creston*	0	-	0
Village of Nakusp	2	-	0
Village of New Denver	7	-	0
Village of Slocan	21	1%	0
Electoral Area A	10	-	0
Electoral Area B	0	-	0
Electoral Area D/Kaslo	69	4%	840
Electoral Area E	14	-	0
Electoral Area F	1	-	0
Electoral Area G/Salmo	48	3%	625
Electoral Area H	67	4%	840
Electoral Area I	1	-	0
Electoral Area J	22	1%	0
Electoral Area K	1	-	0
Total RDCK ReDi Requests			11,880
Trail	691	39%	8120
Total RDCK ReDi Request			8120
Towns in the RDEK	1	-	0
Outside of the CBT	14	2%	0
TOTAL	1779		\$20,000

*The Creston HELP office shares medical equipment with the HELP hub to the east located in Cranbrook. Therefore, no funding request is being submitted to the Creston RDCK ReDi Grant stream.

When reading the chart above, please note that we have limited our requests to funding areas that served at least 3% of the total clients over the reporting period. This means that we have not made requests of less than \$625.

So how did we fairly determine how much to ask from each city, town, and electoral area?

First, we added up the clients served from each funding area in the HELP service region, then we determined the percentage of total for each. For example, Castlegar served 366 clients of a



total of 1779 clients in the service area. This translates to 21% of clients and therefore 21% (\$4200) of the \$17,000 funding request.

However, because we did not request funds from areas with less than 3% of clients, \$800 of the \$17,000 equipment ask remained unallocated. Thus, we distributed the \$800 remaining funds proportional to each region by clients served. e.g., \$800 x 21% for Castlegar = \$175 (approximately). The total request to the City of Castlegar is then \$4375:

21% of \$17,000 = \$4200
21% of \$680 = \$175
Total request = **\$4375**

All told, we are requesting \$11,880 from the ReDi Grant streams of the RDCK and \$8120 from the RDKB (Trail).

The Purchase Budget

The attached budget describes the equipment needs across the RDCK at the time of writing. That said, needs can change rapidly in the world of equipment loans. While it is likely there will be minor amendments to the final purchase budget, the spirit and substance of this proposal will not change.

Recognition



The volunteers at each RDCK HELP office will continue to prominently display the RDCK and CBT logos at the reception desks. For years, we've found this to be a fantastic way to recognize a local funder because it ensures every client and family member picking up or returning equipment sees *exactly* who is supporting the program.

Organization **West Kootenay Minor Lacrosse Association**

Registration #

P.O Box 3362, Castlegar British Columbia V1N 3N8

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Equipment and Line painting project**

Project will be located in: City of Castlegar

The line painting project will take place at the CDCC in the spring of 2025. Equipment will be ordered in the late spring of 2024 in order to begin using it within the 2024 season.

Importance to the community:

This project will benefit the youth in the community that play Lacrosse. The program is growing and more equipment is needed to support the program. This is important to the community as it supports youth to engage in a team sport.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/20/2024 Project End: 6/20/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$3,450.00			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$3,450.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$3,450.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00

Project: Equipment and Line painting project

1. The project will provide:

Equipment for the program needs to be purchased to support the growth of the program. 1 set of Goalie equipment, Jersey's for our U7, U9 and U11 divisions, Lacrosse balls, large practice cones, targets. If funding is granted these items will be ordered in the late spring of 2024 in order to utilize them during the 2024 season. Practices within the WKMLA area are being held in multiple locations and more players are on the floor than in years past. This equipment will help to support program expansion.

The arena floor also requires Lacrosse lines to be painted in order for youth to play games. If funding is granted this will be completed at the Castlegar Complex in the spring of 2025.

2. Organization Mandate:

To promote and develop the sport of Lacrosse and support youth to engage in Canada's national sport.

1.To foster and promote the game of lacrosse, subject to the rules and regulations of the British Columbia Lacrosse Association.

2.To organize and administer youth teams, officials, coaches and equipment for its members; and

3.To promote and encourage good sportsmanship among its members and representatives and to aid and assist in the betterment of lacrosse.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This project will benefit the youth in the community that play Lacrosse. The program is growing and more equipment is needed to support the program. This is important to the community as it supports youth to engage in a team sport.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The CDCC has informed the WKMLA that the WKMLA will need to pay for line painting, which needs to be completed and touched up most seasons. By receiving funding for line painting, it will allow youth in all divisions to play games and adhere to Lacrosse Canada game specifications, which will prepare youth to play against other organizations. Coaching staff and Division Directors have shared that equipment needs have grown as our numbers continue to increase each season. More equipment is needed for practices, jersey's for games, and an additional set of goalie gear is required.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

West Kootenay Minor Lacrosse is the only minor Lacrosse organization in the West Kootenay's. We have been growing our program over the past few years and wish to have Castlegar as the major hub of Lacrosse for the region. We have the capacity to complete these projects in a timely manner.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The Coach Coordinator will be involved in ordering equipment such as jerseys, goalie gear, lacrosse balls, cones & targets, as well as the line painting as they are knowledgeable in the line requirements that Lacrosse Canada sets. The greater Board of Directors will follow the general progress of the project.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Volunteer's and youth will be fundraising, as well as donating time to measure out the lines to adhere to Lacrosse Canada standards.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Slash Sports sent you an estimate

SPECIAL NOTES

- Sizes can be changed at no extra cost
- Stock goalie legs for Mckenney are white/black in colour
- Colours of balls can be changed at no extra cost
- Cascade helmets can be customized at www.factorycustom.com (price may vary depending on mask, shell, options, etc.)

Shipping is not included.

Estimates/Quotes are valid for 30 days. Inventory levels change daily; available inventory will be confirmed when estimate is accepted. Please accept the estimate if you would like to proceed with the order exactly as-is.

Custom and team orders require a 50% deposit to confirm.

Custom orders are a final sale. Team orders will be charged 25% restocking fee for returns.

To pay by credit card, we will send you an invoice with a payment link once the estimate is accepted.

To pay by e-transfer, please send to info@slashlacrosse.ca and include invoice number in notes. Auto deposit is setup and business name will appear as 2416225 Alberta Inc.

To pay by cheque, please make cheque payable to Slash Sports and mail it to our address listed. Please note that cheques will only be accepted from associations.

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Customer

Natasha Youngblut
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Estimate #000063

January 25, 2024

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Mckenney Goalie Quote

MCKENNEY CAT 3 PRO 9500 GOALIE UPPERS LARGE	\$1,099.99
MCKENNEY CAT 3 9500 PRO GOALIE LEG GUARDS 20"	\$599.99
MCKENNEY CAT 3 PRO 9500 GOALIE PANT LARGE	\$429.99
CASCADE XRS PRO HELMET BLACK, STANDARD CLIP	\$339.99
LACROSSE BALL (\$4.99 ea.) × 120 WHITE (CLA)	\$598.80
SHIPPING TBD IF REQUIRED	\$0.00
Team Sale 15% (15%)	-\$51.00
Case Discount	-\$196.80
Subtotal	\$2,820.96
GST	\$141.05
Total	\$2,962.01

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Fwd: Line Painting for Lacrosse

West Kootenay Minor Lacrosse Association <wkmla@hotmail.com>

Sat 2/17/2024 3:35 PM

To:Suzanne Belanger <wkmla.suzanne@hotmail.com>

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Amy Brinson <wkmla.schedule@hotmail.com>
Date: February 13, 2024 at 11:15:44 AM PST
To: WKMLA BoD <wkmlabod@groups.outlook.com>
Subject: Fw: Line Painting for Lacrosse

Hi Everyone,

Here is the quote for the line painting in Castlegar.

Amy

From: Kim Hayashi <KHayashi@rdck.bc.ca>
Sent: February 12, 2024 11:38 AM
To: 'Amy Brinson' <wkmla.schedule@hotmail.com>
Subject: Line Painting for Lacrosse

Good morning, Amy,

Below is the quote to do the line painting for lacrosse:

Approximately 20 staff hours @\$50/hr = \$1000
Paint and supplies = \$250

Option 1 – Pay the full amount

Option 2 - If Minor Lacrosse is unable to pay for the full amount, decide how much they are wanting subsidized and then make a request. Requests must be in writing and we will then take it to our Commission with analysis and recommendation.

If you have any further questions, please let me know.

Thank you.

Kim Hayashi | Customer Service Representative 3

Phone: 778.460.5225 | **Fax:** 250.365.0127

Organization **Blueberry Creek Community School Council**

Registration # 886243831RP0001
200 Centre Ave, Castlegar BC V1N 3B9

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **New Play Structure for BCCS Preschool and 3-5 Childcare programs**

Project will be located in: City of Castlegar

The play structure will be installed in the 3-5-year-old play space at the Blueberry Creek Community School site. This play area is used Mon-Friday year-round 8am-5.30pm by the early learning programs.

Importance to the community:

This project is important to BCCS and our community because we want to provide the best possible care and play opportunities for the children attending the childcare and early learning programs. We know that high quality play and recreational opportunities are essential components in the healthy physical, social and emotional development of young children. As well as the 54 children in the licensed 3-5 preschool and childcare spaces this area is utilized by local families and children in summer evenings and weekends when the childcare programs are not operational.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/10/2024 Project End: 10/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
				\$537.71
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$1,500.00				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$3,800.00			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$5,837.71

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$5,837.71	\$23,652.86	\$23,652.86

Project: New Play Structure for BCCS Preschool and 3-5 Childcare programs

1. The project will provide:

BCCS plan to purchase and install a new play structure in the 3-5 IHA licensed play area. BCCS have sourced a high-quality structure that will provide increased play and gross motor opportunities for the children attending the BCCS preschool and the 2 childcare programs for 3-5-year-olds. The project will replace older, smaller, temporary plastic play structures, with the much-needed high quality, permanent play structure. The new structure includes 8 different Play Events including: Inclined Tube Bridge, Ship's Wheel, Bongos, Double Slide, Single Drum, Rain Wheel, Tic-Tac-Toe Panel, Finger Maze Panel.

2. Organization Mandate:

Blueberry Creek Community School Council seeks to provide educational, social, cultural and recreational opportunities as a means of building and celebrating community.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This project is important to BCCS and our community because we want to provide the best possible care and play opportunities for the children attending the childcare and early learning programs. We know that high quality play and recreational opportunities are essential components in the healthy physical, social and emotional development of young children. As well as the 54 children in the licensed 3-5 preschool and childcare spaces this area is utilized by local families and children in summer evenings and weekends when the childcare programs are not operational.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

In Sept 2023 in response to the increased demand for quality childcare in our community, BCCS amended our Childcare license to increase our 3-5 childcare spaces from twenty to thirty-six. Three groups now use this licensed play area (at different times), and the staff identified the need for a larger play structure with more play items to facilitate more gross motor opportunities and collaborative free play.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

BCCS are most suited to deliver this project as the society owns the facility and are committed to maximizing the potential and capacity of the space for the community by investing in permanent capital projects that promote sustainability, such as this one.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The project will take place with the continued help of volunteers from Urban Systems, Nelson office as part of the Urban System Foundation.

This amazing group of urban development professionals have committed to work with BCCS staff and volunteers again to install the play structure and help with additional landscaping and shade structures etc. that may be required.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Through the Urban System Foundation, the Urban System Nelson Team have committed 10 staff for 8 hours of installation, as well as support for site and landscape development. Kalesnikoff have also offered to supply more

Project: New Play Structure for BCCS Preschool and 3-5 Childcare programs

woodchips (again) if we choose to use this option as a base for the structure, we are still working on that decision with the Urban systems team.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

RE: BCCS & Urban Systems Foundation Support

Ben Arnold <barnold@urbansystems.ca>

Fri 2024-02-16 10:46 AM

To:Rebecca McDonnell Blueberry Creek CS <bccshub@live.com>;bccsalanam@telus.net <bccsalanam@telus.net>

Hi Rebecca,

Thank you for your message. Yes, you can indicate on the grant application there is future volunteering support available from Urban Systems Nelson staff as Foundation volunteers. If more details are required, I would estimate we could organize about 10 volunteers for at least 8 hours.

Our current understanding of funding for the play structure includes: You/the school received a 15k grant from CBT, fundraised 2k, and got a 3k donation from Kalesnikoff Lumber. You're looking at play structures in the 20k range. It will be great to learn more about the budget and what required funds are remaining.

I've included local engineer colleague Dean in this email thread and am hoping we can all connect over a virtual call in the two-three weeks. I'll send a separate meeting invite shortly. Dean can help with technical guidance and cost considerations amongst other things. We should be able to help you get an additional 10k from the USL Foundation to contribute this project, which could help cover remaining costs related to transportation, installation, landscaping, or accessory park furniture like shade sails.

Kind regards,

Ben Arnold, GIS Technician (he/him)

Out of Office: Feb. 20th, Apr. 1st, Apr. 26th

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I respectfully acknowledge and am grateful for the opportunity to live and work in the ancestral, traditional, and unceded territory of the Ktunaxa, the Sinixt, the Syilx Nations, and the home to the Métis and many diverse Indigenous persons.



Quote

Quote #: QT143079

Quote Date: 10/16/2023

Expire Date: 11/15/2023

Contact Name: Rebecca Mc Donnell

Sales Manager: Tim Davis

timdavis@pwap.com

Tel: 855-945-2032

Fax: 888-331-5860

Ship To:

Blue Berry Creek Community School Hub
200 Centre Ave
Blueberry-Ck BC V1N3B9
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Shipping Contact:

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Canada

Billing Contact:

Quote Total:

\$23,652.86

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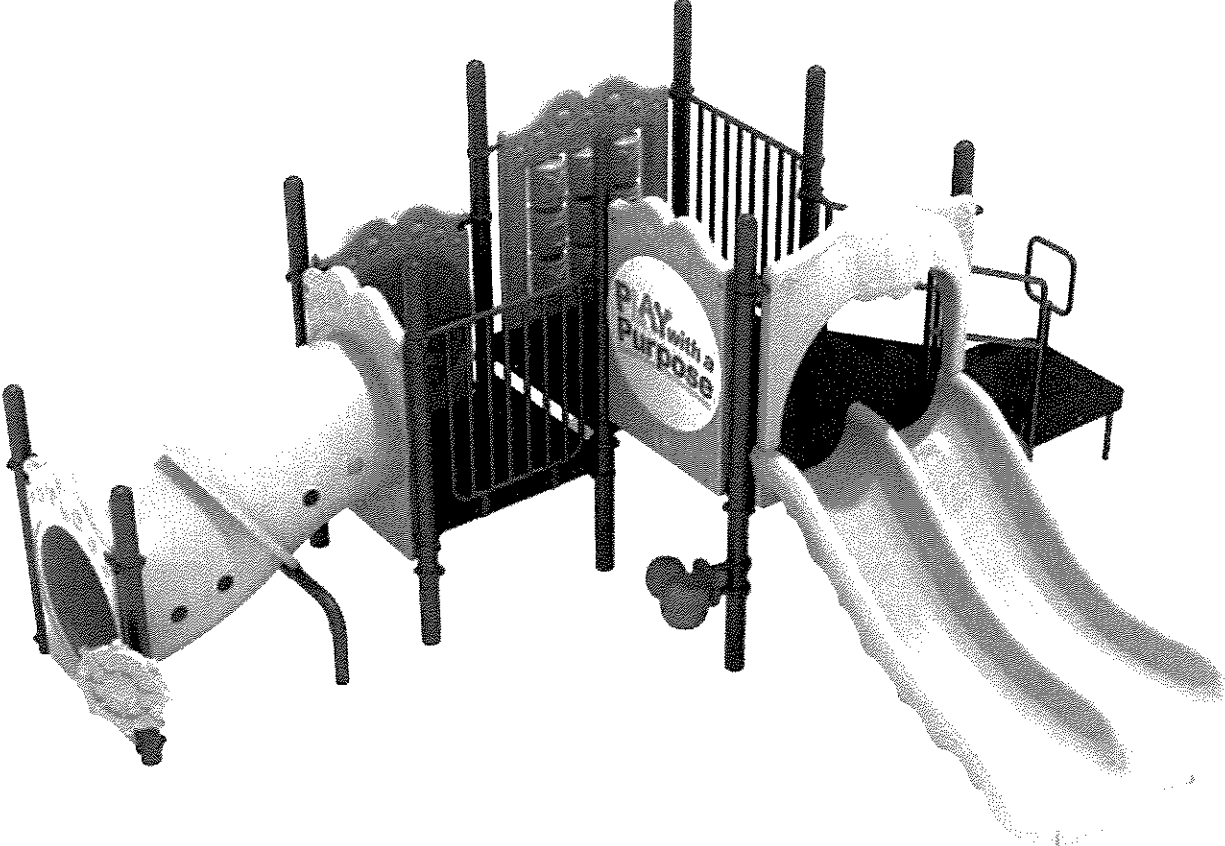
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Organization **Nelson Disc Golf Society**

Registration # S0070725

1613 WARD ST, NELSON BC V1L 1V7

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Highwater Disc Golf Course Community Gathering Space**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D, RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, City of Nelson, City of Castlegar, Village of Slocan

The course is located on Blewett Road, next to Bonnington Falls, on lands owned by Teck Metals and BC Hydro, with whom the Nelson Disc Golf Society (NDGS) have negotiated long-term licenses of occupation. It's located roughly 20 minutes from Nelson, Castlegar and Winlaw.

Importance to the community:

The proposed enhancements at Highwater will transform it into a more accessible and inclusive facility, purposefully designed for families and equipped to host community gatherings and world-class tournaments. Nearby businesses and the local economy will benefit from increased traffic, because recreation is the heart of liveable West Kootenay communities which attract talented people to our region and power economic development and cultural diversity.

Highwater Disc Golf Course, a free public recreational facility, is the most played disc golf course in the RDCK being 20 minutes away from Nelson, Castlegar, and Winlaw.

The inclusion of an 18 x 24-foot Picnic Shelter and a vault toilet in the enhancement of the course helps cater to a variety of needs beyond the primary activity of disc golf offering more accessibility to public space protected and cared for.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/14/2024 Project End: 5/14/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			\$5,000.00	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$5,000.00				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
	\$5,000.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING	\$50,000.00

Project: Highwater Disc Golf Course Community Gathering Space

			REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	
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Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$50,000.00	\$236,400.00	\$236,400.00

1. The project will provide:

The primary goal of this project is to increase accessibility and usage of the Highwater Disc Golf Course. We propose the installation of an 18 x 24-foot picnic shelter and a vault toilet to promote inclusivity by providing families with the means to enjoy the public space for extended periods.

The project will improve accessibility for new players by introducing an easier alternate course layout. The addition of 18 new pads and 18 new baskets will immediately enhance the satisfaction of players seeking a quicker or simpler round of disc golf.

The project will include landscaping to improve accessibility for individuals with reduced mobility. This will be achieved by smoothing rough areas in the fairways. Additionally, we aim to increase the climate change resilience of the course by protecting and establishing trees for shade and beauty. Our plan includes planting native conifer trees to provide more shade on the course and selectively pruning existing shade trees to protect against wildfires.

The picnic shelter will enhance the public access experience at the disc golf course by providing a space for socialization, protection from the elements and a venue for community events.

2. Organization Mandate:

Encourage new people try disc golf, and strive to develop a disc golf community that is open to all people.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

The proposed enhancements at Highwater will transform it into a more accessible and inclusive facility, purposefully designed for families and equipped to host community gatherings and world-class tournaments. Nearby businesses and the local economy will benefit from increased traffic, because recreation is the heart of liveable West Kootenay communities which attract talented people to our region and power economic development and cultural diversity.

Highwater Disc Golf Course, a free public recreational facility, is the most played disc golf course in the RDCK being 20 minutes away from Nelson, Castlegar, and Winlaw.

The inclusion of an 18 x 24-foot Picnic Shelter and a vault toilet in the enhancement of the course helps cater to a variety of needs beyond the primary activity of disc golf offering more accessibility to public space protected and cared for.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

By enhancing the Highwater Disc Golf Course, we create an environment that embraces players of varying expertise. Novices can feel comfortable learning the game, while seasoned players can continue to hone their skills, thus fostering a sense of inclusivity and encouraging more people to participate.

The addition of a picnic shelter and a vault toilet transforms the course into a versatile venue and will provide accessibility for individuals of all ages and abilities. Local events, such as birthday parties, staff gatherings, and

Project: Highwater Disc Golf Course Community Gathering Space

fundraisers, can now be hosted amidst the natural beauty of the course creating lasting memories in this communal space.

The Highwater Disc Golf Course aims to become one of Canada's premier disc golf destinations. Its scenic location, thoughtful amenities, and commitment to inclusivity position it as a standout course, drawing enthusiasts from across the country and benefiting the tourism industry with the potential to host internationally recognized tournaments.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

Building on the momentum from our 2020 installation of the 9-hole family course in Nelson and the 2021 installation of Highwater, the first complete 18-hole course in this region, our network of directors, volunteers, contractors, and sponsors is enthusiastically moving forward to complete the enhancement. NDGS has earned recognition for its successful collaboration with Teck Metals and BC Hydro, ensuring the use and stewardship of this excellent site for disc golf in the heart of the Nelson-Castlegar corridor.

Remarkably, no other non-profit organization is currently working to develop free disc golf courses in this region. NDGS is actively working to engage local governments in the development of regional disc golf courses, and at present, it stands as the primary driving force behind this commendable effort. In 2021, NDGS secured a CBT grant under the community development program, achieving success in both the execution and reporting phases of the project.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The Nelson Disc Golf Society has established a Highwater Enhancement Committee, comprising NDGS directors, members, and volunteers. This committee will oversee and execute all aspects of the project, providing regular monthly reports to the Board of Directors. The Committee comprises a diverse and talented group with backgrounds spanning environmental consulting, communications, real estate and education.

Our directors have worked on past community recreation projects including the Lillooet disc golf course, the Art Gibbon disc golf course, and establishing the Highwater disc golf course in 2021. The NDGS maintains good standing and financial accountability as a registered society in BC.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Donated professional project management fees 200 hours x \$55/hour = \$11 000
Donated construction labor fees 32 hours x \$50/hour = \$1600
Donated landscaping labor fees 200 hours x \$30/hour = \$6000
Donated professional arborist fees \$1200/day x 2 days = \$2400
Donated meeting rental space 14 months x \$120/month = \$1680
Total estimated in-kind value= \$22 680

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



**Mount Sentinel
Secondary School**

PO Box 99, 1014 Playmor Road, South Slokan BC V0G 2G0
Tel 250.359.7219 mtsentinel.sd8.bc.ca

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to extend my enthusiastic endorsement for the proposed enhancements to the Highwater Disc Golf Course as put forth by the Nelson Disc Golf Society. In my capacity as an educator, I have had the privilege of witnessing firsthand the profound positive effects that disc golf has had on the physical and socio-emotional development of my students. Beyond its obvious benefits for physical fitness, disc golf serves as an invaluable platform for nurturing teamwork, strategic thinking, and a deep appreciation for outdoor recreation. I firmly believe that sustained investment in disc golf initiatives will not only enrich the educational landscape but also contribute significantly to the holistic well-being of our youth.

Your support for the Nelson Disc Golf Society's endeavors is pivotal in realizing the vision of a more accessible and inclusive disc golf experience for our community. By supporting this cause, we are collectively investing in the creation of a free, public disc golf facility that will serve as a cornerstone for fostering healthy lifestyles and community engagement among local youth and their families.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Yours Sincerely,

Jake Hildebrand
Teacher, Physical and Outdoor Education
Mt. Sentinel Secondary School

February 12, 2024

To Whom it May Concern,

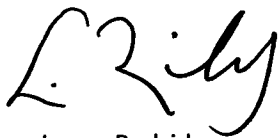
I am writing this letter in support of the Nelson Disc Golf Society's proposal for the expansion of the Highwater Disc Golf Course and area.

The creation of the Highwater pro Disc Golf Course has been a wonderful addition to our community. It has brought many adults together for recreation, personal development, and wellness. It has been well maintained and is a beautiful addition to a popular multi-use area. The only thing Highwater is lacking is a youth/beginner friendly layout, and some amenities that would make Highwater equally accessible to all ages.

Being an elementary school teacher has given me the opportunity to introduce the growing sport of disc golf to my students. Our parent group has generously purchased a class set of discs and a practice basket for my class. Disc golf is becoming very popular in our school. With the plans put forward by the Nelson Disc Golf Society to upgrade the course at Highwater, I foresee Highwater becoming a fantastic outdoor education destination for school groups. The location is perfect for this.

I urge you to please consider supporting the proposal presented to upgrade the facilities at the Highwater Disc Golf Course. I believe that the Nelson Disc Golf Society has a clear vision to make this area welcoming and accessible to people of all ages. It will bring youth and families together from the surrounding communities, and provide opportunity for healthy recreation, goal setting, and outdoor education opportunities for youth in our communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Radridge', written in a cursive style.

Laura Radridge

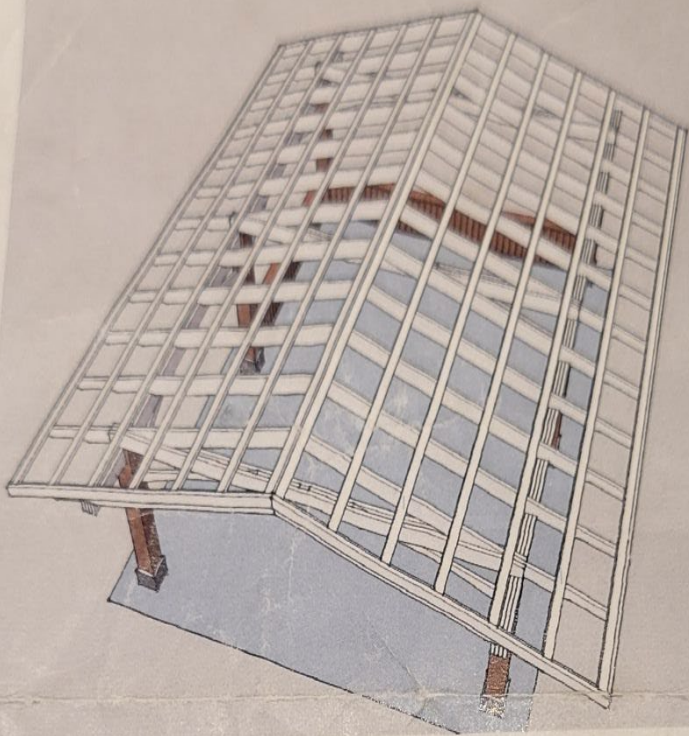
Classroom Teacher, Brent Kennedy Elementary School
Box 40 - 1092 Highway 6 Crescent Valley, BC

To Whom It May Concern,

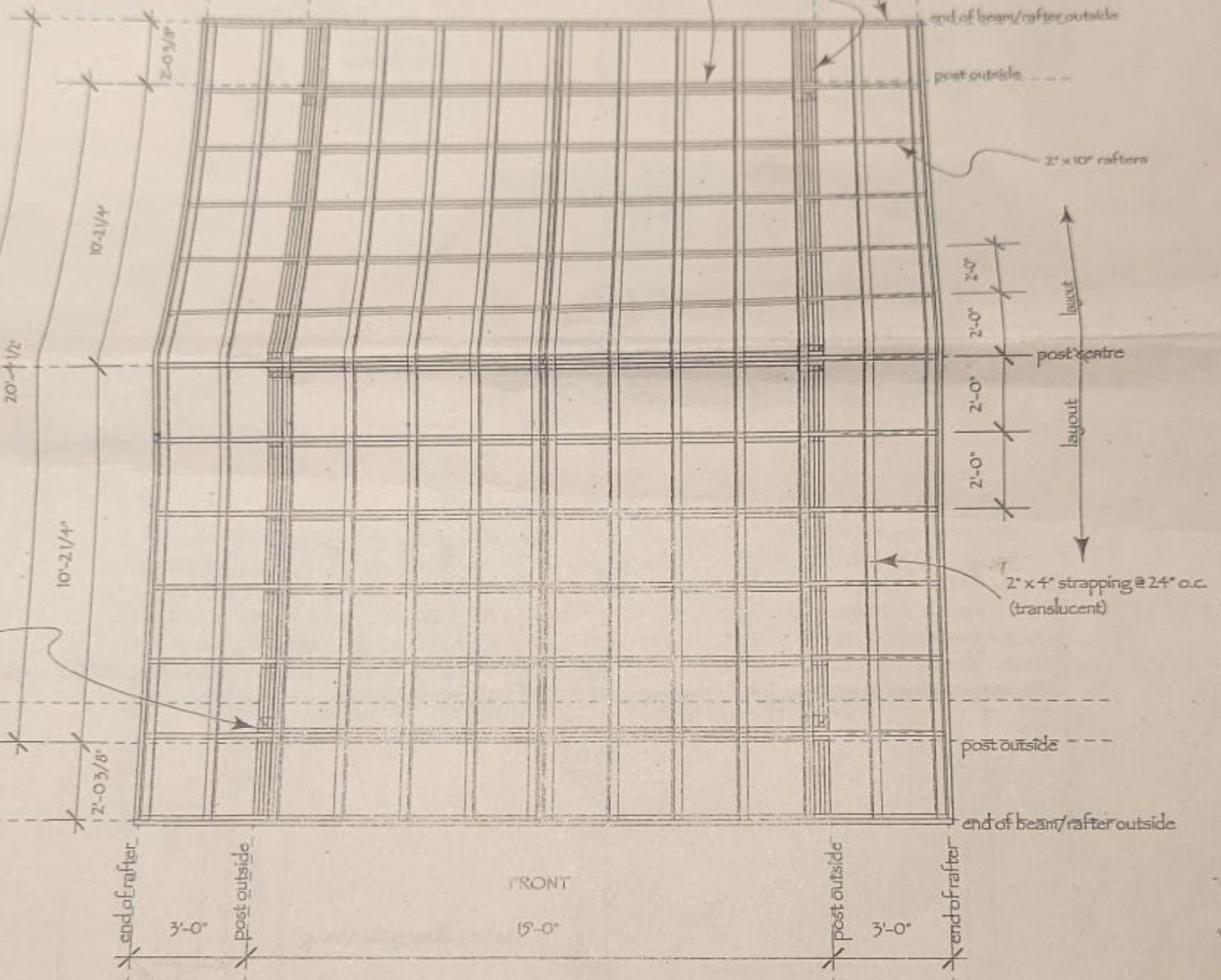
I am writing to express my heartfelt support for the enhancements to the Highwater Disc Golf Course Proposed by the Nelson Disc Golf Society. As a teacher working at Rosemont Elementary, I've been lucky enough to have access to the course at Art Gibbons, and have seen the positive ways that my students have responded to disc golfing. First, it's accessible. If you can go through a walk in the forest, you can disc golf. Second, it gives them a safe environment to be active, to be challenged, and to be independent. I believe that continued support for disc golf initiatives will help broaden our physical education curriculum and bring this sport to students who would otherwise not experience it. Your support for the Nelson Disc Golf Society will help build a free public disc golf course that will benefit local children and their families

Yours Truly,

Eli Geddis
Grade 5/6 Teacher
Rosemont Elementary School
eli.geddis@sd8.bc.ca



paired 2" x 10" collar ties 4-ply 2" x 10" beam 2" x 6" fascia (eave & gable)



Organization **(The) Rossland Gold Fever Follies**

Registration # S-0045981

PO Box 1584, Rossland BC V0G 1Y0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **2024 Follies Show, Mentorship, "Shut-Ins" Special**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area G, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area I, City of Castlegar, Village of Salmo

- Mainstage performances will take place in the Rossland Miners Union Hall in Rossland, BC
- Special traveling performances given for free take place at the various care facilities. (We have at least five facilities who look forward to our traveling version of our summer season's show: Castlevue Care Centre, Castle Wood Village, Poplar Ridge Pavilion, Columbia View Lodge, and RoseWood.)
- Other special appearances by the cast will take place wherever they are requested, what we can fit in, and COVID-permitting-libraries, farmers markets, summer camps for youth, Canada Day celebrations, etc.

Importance to the community:

- LOCAL RDCK/RDKB YOUTH who aspire to be actors/singers/dancers: Provides mentorship by recruiting triple-threat performers (actors/singers/dancers) from leading performing arts schools in BC to work onstage with our local youth.
- Our GENERAL PUBLIC: Provides quality live theatre at an affordable price. Few rural communities put on live theatre shows weekly throughout the summer, never mind two shows daily and 80+ shows over the course of the summer.
- Our SENIORS and SHUT-INS: benefit immensely because we take a version of our show to them for FREE.
- This project is important to Rossland and surrounding area as it draws tourists to the area during the summer, thus benefitting our LOCAL BUSINESSES of Central Kootenay and Kootenay Boundary. Lingering concerns about COVID, plus possible wildfires and heat domes will continue to complicate tourism this summer. We hope to draw visitors back.
- TEACHES some of the rich HISTORY of our area in an entertaining way.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 12/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING	\$3,417.00

Project: 2024 Follies Show, Mentorship, "Shut-Ins" Special

			REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	
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Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$3,417.00	\$115,442.00	\$115,442.00

1. The project will provide:

- A musical theatre show based on the Kootenays' 1890s gold rush days; performs 2 shows a day, 5 days a week throughout the summer.
- Mentors youth keen to pursue a performing arts career.
- Youth will work under the direction of Lucas Myers, a Nelson-based professional actor for June, & perform in a musical theatre production throughout the summer.
- COVID permitting, the cast will travel to local care and senior facilities including Castlview Care Centre and Castle Wood Village to perform a FREE modified show.
- Cast will perform at community events for free, and are available for summer camp activities, time permitting.
- We have hired as actors 2 youth from the RDCK area; one (a graduate of Selkirk College's Nelson campus for Contemporary Music and Technology) will also be writing much of the musical score, and work as the Musical Director.
- Funds help cover script, musical scores, program printing, advertising/marketing, website updates, costuming, cast accommodations for three months, performance-space related costs, gas allowances for cast to travel to free venues performances, etc.
- Our attendance numbers have not yet returned to pre-pandemic times: we need your help to survive another year so that we can continue our mentorship of young performers and our outreach program to care facility residents!

2. Organization Mandate:

- a) to organize and present an annual summer musical theatre production during July and August based on Rossland's early history surrounding the gold rush days.
- b) to provide summer employment as cast members to students and youth interested in pursuing the performing arts.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

- LOCAL RDCK/RDKB YOUTH who aspire to be actors/singers/dancers: Provides mentorship by recruiting triple-threat performers (actors/singers/dancers) from leading performing arts schools in BC to work onstage with our local youth.
- Our GENERAL PUBLIC: Provides quality live theatre at an affordable price. Few rural communities put on live theatre shows weekly throughout the summer, never mind two shows daily and 80+ shows over the course of the summer.
- Our SENIORS and SHUT-INS: benefit immensely because we take a version of our show to them for FREE.
- This project is important to Rossland and surrounding area as it draws tourists to the area during the summer, thus benefitting our LOCAL BUSINESSES of Central Kootenay and Kootenay Boundary. Lingering concerns about COVID, plus possible wildfires and heat domes will continue to complicate tourism this summer. We hope to draw visitors back.
- TEACHES some of the rich HISTORY of our area in an entertaining way.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

We provide an opportunity for youth keen in pursuing a career in the performing arts to gain practical work experience in their chosen field-an opportunity that is rare in rural communities such as ours. Local youth who fit this

Project: 2024 Follies Show, Mentorship, "Shut-Ins" Special

description are always given special consideration. They'll gain experience as triple-threat performers (acting, singing, dancing) and "behind the scenes- stagecraft skills (the creating of props and sets, and designing lights and sound cues). The youth also have the opportunity to gain experience in front-of-house business, including handling of money, advertising and marketing. At the end of the season, the actors are given the opportunity to put on a special evening of entertainment that showcases their own particular talents. They will be responsible for all aspects of putting on the show, (material to showcase, advertising, ticket sales, and legal/ financial details). Board members are available to offer guidance and assistance.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

The Follies is entering its 38th season. The simple fact that we are still in existence, despite ever-increasing costs to produce (and COVID!), is proof that we have the capacity to successfully deliver this project. We've been mentoring youth from the Rossland-Trail-Castlegar-Nelson area for years, and a number of them have gone on to pursue very successful careers in the performing arts: (Ex: Lucas Myers - Nelson: professional actor; Odessa Johnson-Shuquaya - Nelson: professional actor based in Vancouver; Carmen Moreira - South Slokan: professional dancer with her own dance company SQx; Leeanne McLim - Genelle: professional actor; now teaches drama. Jeffrey Hill - Fruitvale: pursued opera; Paige Culley, Erik Mortimer, both of Rossland-work as international dancer; musician/actor respectively.) Performing in an 80-show run is an amazing work-experience opportunity for all our young performers. We've also been successfully giving performances at local Care Facilities for years. We "survived- 2021-2023.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The small group of volunteers who make up the Rossland Gold Fever Follies Society will be involved in implementing the project. Each of them comes with his/her own skill sets. (ex. Set and prop building; costuming; lighting; sound; FOH duties, additional coaching in character work, etc.) We will also hire Lucas Myers, a Nelson-based professional actor to work with our youth for the month of June as the rehearsal director.

8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Our small group of 7 volunteers who make up the Gold Fever Follies Society easily put in over 1500 hours of volunteer work. These include various fundraising events (typically the hosting of variety shows, comedy nights, monthly concessions, the collecting of refundables, etc.), supervision and training of our young actors, advertising, marketing, costume sewing, prop and set building, hanging of lights, script editing....The list could go on and on.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

TESTIMONIAL #3

“Working with the Gold Fever Follies in the summer of 2019 as part of their mentorship program was one of the most amazing experiences of my life. As a 16-year-old high school girl with big dreams, I got the chance to work with people I aspired to be. At the time, I was enrolled in Mt. Sentinel’s special Performance and Media Academy which gave me the flexibility to leave school for the month of June to attend rehearsals. And until the Follies Board found a home to billet me, I came every day from Castlegar to learn the art of musical theatre that I had never known before. I learned new acting skills, character development techniques, improved my singing, and learned a whole new dance style.

I was inspired by all my older, more experienced cast mates...I learned so much about theatre and performance... That summer was an amazing experience that reinforced my dreams of becoming an actress.

In 2020, although still part of the mentorship program, the Follies offered me not only a full paid position, but also an opportunity to create some of the show’s choreography. Unfortunately, the 2020 season was cancelled due to the pandemic. I returned to the Follies stage in 2021, and am back again for the 2024 season. As a current resident of Crescent Valley, I am also very appreciative that the Follies has provided me with free accommodations in Rossland for the three-month contract...I am thankful to be part of this Cancan-tastic show, and I absolutely cannot wait to rejoin the Follies this summer!

- Rhythm Storm from Crescent Valley

Follies Student Mentorship Program 2019, 2020 (cancelled due to COVID); Follies Cast Member 2021, 2024

TESTIMONIAL #4

“I am Ty Wright, and I was in the Gold Fever Follies from 2013-2016. Currently, I am a Registered Nurse in the Kootenay Boundary, but I continue to perform in Live Theatre whenever I get the chance. My time in the Gold Fever Follies was monumental in my life, as it was one of the first stage productions that I had ever been a part of. ...From my experiences, I learned many new skills and developed many new talents. I was encouraged to be outgoing, learned how to collaborate with others, gained experience in being on stage, and learned to be more confident. Many of these skills have been carried with me into my new career as a nurse, and have been instrumental to my practice. There have even been times when I have sung the Gold Fever Follies theme song to calm some of my paediatric patients who are familiar with the show.

Without my time in the Gold Fever Follies, I would have been a vastly different person. I consider myself very fortunate to have had the opportunity to act in the local stage show, and I cannot understate how valuable the experience was to me.”

- Ty Wright from Fruitvale

Cast Member of the Gold Fever Follies 2013, 2014, 2015, & 2016



February 15, 2024

To Whom It May Concern

I am writing to you in support of the Gold Fever Follies. We had the pleasure of having them perform at Castle Wood Village last year. The residents of Castle Wood Village absolutely loved the performance. We feel having the Gold Fever Follies come into our building was a huge benefit to many, as some of our residents have mobility and health issues that would otherwise not make it possible for them to travel and attend the performances. The residents here thoroughly enjoyed all aspects of the performance from the engaging performers, the costumes, the lively music and storylines. We hope The Gold Fever Follies will be able to continue bringing their show to Castle Wood Village and other senior facilities as I have seen first hand how the residents light up, sing along and move to the music with pure joy these performances bring.

Thank You

Sincerely,

Nicole Guitard

Recreation Coordinator

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TESTIMONIAL #1

“I worked with the Gold Fever Follies for four summer seasons from 2011-2013 and 2016.... I started my experience as a student mentee....this was a valuable opportunity to gain work experience and increase my professional and creative competencies [and] develop strong work ethics. ...My experience as a student mentee with the Rossland Gold Fever Follies was formative of my own career and academic pathways.

In 2016 I once again returned to the Follies, this time as a performer, playwright, co-composer and theatre manager. My ability to perform these roles was possible due to the mentorship and encouragement that I received early on. In this role I was also able to be a part of mentoring a secondary school student in the same position as I [had been], years before.

My time with the Follies has been a key part of many successful school, scholarship and job applications. After my last performance with the Follies, I pursued a Master of Arts in heritage conservation and a graduate diploma in curatorial studies at Carleton University. I currently reside in Ottawa working in the non-profit sector for the Ottawa Museum Network. In this role I continue to be an advocate for community mentorship for students, connecting students in the Carleton University curatorial studies program with community museums to complete internships designed to give them industry experience.

The mentorship of students in arts-based professional capacities is an important and often overlooked investment for communities. It is also a chance for inter-community relationship building. As a Castlegar resident, working with the Follies gave me an appreciation for the rich history of the neighbouring town of Rossland (coincidentally, my father’s hometown), and the West Kootenays more broadly.”

- Casey Gray from Castlegar

BA MA, New Initiatives Coordinator, Ottawa Museum Network

Cast Member of the Gold Fever Follies 2011, 2012, 2013, & 2016; Follies Script & Music Writer 2016

TESTIMONIAL #2

“...I’ve worked for the Follies for the summers of 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021 and am back for the 2024 season..... From the opportunities [the Follies] gives to aspiring actors such as myself, to the history and heritage that it not only keeps alive through story, but also represents in and of itself as a Rossland tradition, to the children who have grown up watching the show and the joy it brings to them, the loss of this performance company would leave many with heavy hearts.

...I was hired on for the Follies 2017 season as an actor and piano accompanist. At the time, I didn’t think I was much of a singer or dancer...However, through the years, I ended up being musical director, and then composer, and I’ve even joined in with the dancing. I now also sing solo on stage, which was a fear of mine back when I started with the company. Having these years under my belt will help me immensely when I move on to pursue a career in the theatre, and I don’t have the words to express just how much the Follies has done for my personal confidence and belief in myself and my skill. Carrying that confidence and experience forward, I even ended up directing, chorally directing, and acting in the Rossland Light Opera Players’ rendition of *Rent* in 2020. I would never have stepped up to take on such a daunting and exciting role if I hadn’t learned so much about myself and my craft through my work with the Follies.

The Follies, which is steeped in history, has become a keystone for the local community, and especially so for the local live theatre community...I know that I wouldn’t have taken an interest in theatre myself if it wasn’t for the few shows I had the opportunity to see when I was young, and it brings me such pride to have the chance to bring that same passion into the lives of our future thespians...I and many others wouldn’t be where we’re at today without the Follies to support us and push us along in our journeys.

- Kevin Wasilenkoff from Shore Acres

(attended Castlegar Primary, Twin Rivers Elementary, Mount Sentinel, LVR & grad of the Contemporary Music and Technology course at Selkirk College in Nelson.

Follies Cast Member 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2024; Music Director & Music writer, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2024

From: cvcc-recreation@chantellegroup.com <cvcc-recreation@chantellegroup.com>
Sent: February 13, 2024 4:03 PM
To: 'Lisa Henderson' <old_grey_mare_55@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Letter of Support for the Gold Fever Follies

To Whom it May Concern,

Castlevue Care Centre would like to thank you to the amazing organizer of Gold Fever Follies group performer. Gold Fever Follies is always a spectacular and well put together performance that makes everything run smoothly for the staff and residents in the facility. Our residents and Staff are always grateful to the Gold Fever Follies coming in and we enjoy the performance as well as the social interaction of seeing the performers. The performance is always talked about with staff and residents after about how well done it was. We at Castlevue Care Centre would like to see many more Gold Fever Follies performance in the future and look forward to it.

Best,

Patchy

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Organization **Kootenay Native Plant Society**

Registration # Society Number: S0060568 Business Number: 83640 6843 BC0001
Box 3554, Castlegar British Columbia V1N 3W3

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Pollination Pathway Workshop Series**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area J, City of Castlegar
The Pollination Pathway Workshop Series will take place at numerous sites within the RDCK and RDKB. Locations were determined based on documented flora and fauna at each site.

The locations in the RDCK are:
Syringa Provincial Park (Area J)
The Whole School in Winlaw (Area H)
Marsden Face West of Nelson (Area F)
Millennium Park (City of Castlegar)
Balfour or Kokanee Creek Provincial Park (Area E)

The locations in the RDKB are:
Record Ridge (Rosland, Area B)
Pend d'Oreille river (Area A)
Trail

KNPS will inspire conversations across the Kootenays by posting online through social media and the KNPS website.

Importance to the community:

KNPS receives regular messages from community members who want to get involved in native plant gardening or volunteering. Our programming already supports homeowners and land managers in establishing and maintaining native plant habitat across the West Kootenay region from Rosland to Johnson's Landing. We estimate at least 371 people connected with our programs in 2023 by attending one of our many workshops, public presentations, outreach booths, interpretive activities, and volunteer field days. On Facebook in 2023, we reached 37,539 accounts, 3,146 people visited our page, and our followers grew by 159 to more than 1,700. There is an astounding level of interest in plant-pollinator conservation from members of our community and we expect to continue to see high participation numbers at each of our events in 2024/25. Residents will be trained to contribute to native plant/pollinator conservation locally, which will benefit the entire food web of the West Kootenay.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/17/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$2,229.01	\$2,229.01		\$2,229.01	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood

Project: Pollination Pathway Workshop Series

		Rural Nakusp		
\$2,229.02				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$2,229.02			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$11,145.07

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$11,145.07	\$47,097.35	\$47,097.35

1. The project will provide:

The Pollination Pathway Workshop Series includes nine immersive workshops and events that offer a deep dive into the world of local plants and pollinators. Workshops include lab and field-based training in species identification, monitoring, restoration, seed propagation, and native gardening and will be held at various locations across the West Kootenays. The goal of the project is to engage residents in hands-on, land-based learning so they may contribute to establishing a Pollination Pathway across the West Kootenay. A Pollination Pathway is a corridor of connected plant-pollinator communities that supports healthy pollination networks, species migration, and adaptation to climate change. Workshops will be led and hosted by experts with KNPS, the West Kootenay Botanical Society, the Native Bee Society of BC and KinSeed Ecologies.

Participants will receive:

- Educational resources, pamphlets, manuals
- Connections to specialists and knowledge keepers
- Greater knowledge of local ecosystem functions and values
- Skills in local plant and pollinator identification
- Skills in ecological restoration and native plant gardening

The project aligns with our mission of fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of native plants and helps to ensure their preservation for future generations. For example, the monarch butterfly was listed as endangered in December 2023, and this project helps to increase milkweed populations and connectivity between plant communities. Monarchs were detected at a KNPS research site in 2022.

2. Organization Mandate:

The mission of the Kootenay Native Plant Society (KNPS) is to celebrate and promote the appreciation and conservation of BC native flora and their habitats through study, education, and advocacy. We seek to foster an understanding and appreciation of our native plants and to preserve their diversity for future generations. The society is entering year four of a five year project called the Pollination Pathway Climate Adaptation Initiative (PPCAI). The PPCAI enhances plant pollinator networks and connectivity in the BC West Kootenay region. The PPCAI combines community science, research, ecological restoration, meadow-making, outreach and education. This collaborative approach ensures plant and pollinator species native to the West Kootenay region of BC meet adaptation and migration requirements in response to climate driven ecological changes.

Project: Pollination Pathway Workshop Series

Operating budget, 2023/24: \$267,000

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

This project addresses two issues and opportunities for native plants and pollinators: climate change adaptation and habitat connectivity.

Native plants are limited in their ability to adapt to climate change and migrate to areas of higher habitat suitability, and a lack of connectivity between plant communities due to landscape fragmentation further limits migration and genetic mixing for both plants and their pollinators. This means local ecosystems are at extreme risk for biodiversity loss as species that are slow or unable to adapt succumb to environmental changes. Herein lies an opportunity for assisted migration and increasing habitat connectivity. Residents of the West Kootenay have a key role to play in this initiative through native plant gardening, volunteering, and advocacy. This project will equip residents with knowledge and skills to identify plant and pollinator species, build and maintain native plant gardens to increase connectivity, and contribute to citizen science monitoring and research.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

KNPS has been leading native plant research, restoration, education, and advocacy in the West Kootenays for more than twelve years, connecting with thousands of people in this time. KNPS has worked on public and private lands to protect and enhance approximately 40 ha of native plant and pollinator habitat, with plans now in development for up to 700 ha. PPCAI is a broad and expanding partnership with support from 22 organizations including all levels of government, non-profit organizations, businesses, schools, and First Nations. In 2023, more than 4,000 plants and 250,000 seeds of 38 species were distributed at 13 sites. We have an extremely strong team of staff and contractors including specialists in ethnobotany, restoration ecology, entomology, and geographic information systems and an active team of board members and volunteers. There is no organization better suited to deliver this project than KNPS in this region.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The project will be managed and facilitated by KNPS with staff support from our Co-Founder and Program Manager Valerie Huff, Administrative Manager Nicole McCallum, our Restoration Assistant, and our incoming Outreach Assistant. The KNPS Board Outreach Committee will also support program logistics, planning, and facilitation. Subject matter experts including Bonnie Zand with the BC Native Bee Society, Iraleigh Anderson with Anderson Consulting, Dr. Bren Beckwith with Kinseed Ecologies, renowned entomologist Janice Arndt, and Dr. Jamie Fenneman will be contracted to deliver the workshops.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes**

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Curriculum Development: \$2,400
Equipment Cost: \$1,200
Manuals: \$500 (if students want to purchase, then \$25 each.)
Board of Directors support: \$1,500
Volunteer labour: \$2,500

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:




Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

The Lepidoptera Family contains some of the most beautiful and memorable insects in our local ecosystems. Diverse in their life strategies and appearances, these showy fliers range from fluttering little skippers to night flying moths to large iconic swallowtails.

This pamphlet showcases 12 butterflies that are listed as rare by the Province of British Columbia or are considered to be vulnerable to climate change in the West Kootenay region of the BC Interior.

Butterflies can be imperilled by changes in habitat and climate because they undergo multiple morphological changes from egg to larva (the 'caterpillar') to a flying adult. More specifically, butterflies can be vulnerable if they are small or have limiting life strategies (e.g., one brood per year or special host plant use). Furthermore, habitat loss and climate change can affect the quality of host plants and the flight times of, and the availability of nectar plants for, adult butterflies. Many butterflies can adapt, but some may not.

You can help!

-  Learn more about butterflies and the native plants they require throughout their lives.
-  Advocate for the protection and conservation of natural areas and volunteer for local ecological restoration projects.
-  Consider planting host and nectar plants in your home or community gardens.



Monarch larva on showy milkweed.




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Northern Crescent
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The Kootenay Native Plant Society connects people, plants, and place. Our signature program, Pollination Pathway Climate Adaptation Initiative (2021-2025), is working to enhance habitat for native plants and their pollinators in the West Kootenay region of British Columbia.



Connect with the Kootenay Native Plant Society:

-  www.kootenaynativeplants.ca
-  facebook.com/KootenayNativePlantsSociety/
-  [@kootenay_native_plant_society](https://instagram.com/@kootenay_native_plant_society)

Funding for this brochure provided by:



Rare & Climate-Vulnerable Butterflies of the West Kootenay



Julia Orangetip
Anthocharis julia

Host Plants:
Mustard Family



Eastern Tailed-Blue
Cupido comyntas

Host Plants:
Pea Family



Boisduval's Blue
Icaricia icarioides

Host Plant:
Silky lupine

Great-spangled Fritillary
Argynnis cybele

Host Plants:
Violets



Monarch
Danaus plexippus

Host Plant:
Showy milkweed



Pine White
Neophasia menapia

Host Plants:
Pine Family



Common Checkered Skipper
Burnsius communis

Host Plant:
Mtn. hollyhock



Silver-spotted Skipper
Epagyreus clarus

Host Plant:
Wild licorice

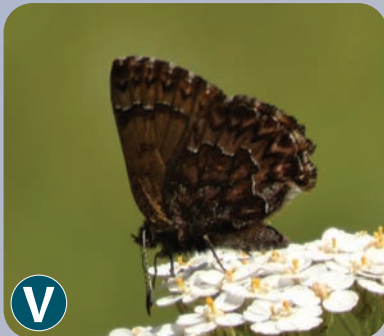


Pale Swallowtail
Papilio eurymedon

Host Plants:
Ceanothus spp.

Western Pine Elfin
Callophrys eryphon

Host Plants:
Pine Family



Variegated Fritillary
Euptoietia claudia

Host Plants:
Unknown for BC



Edith's Copper
Tharsalea editha

Host Plant:
Sorrel



R = rare

V = climate-vulnerable

Photos of Monarch adult and larva provided by Valerie Huff.
All others photos courtesy of Janice Arndt.



Kootenay **Native Plant** Society
connecting people, plants, and place



● **KNPS 2022 YEAR IN REVIEW** ●

2 million seeds of 30 native plant target species collected,

12 project partners in conservation activities on 13 sites across Lower Columbia Region

400 camas bulbs and 60,000 camas seeds planted at 5 enhancement sites.

JOIN US ON THE POLLINATION PATHWAY!

In 2021, KNPS launched an ambitious plan to build, connect and broaden habitat for native plants and pollinators. Our goal is to support these important species in our region through the impacts of climate change.

Throughout the Lower Columbia Region, the staff, volunteers and valued partners who make up the Pollination Pathway Climate Adaptation Initiative have been learning about and working to restore 13 native plant enhancement sites. And we are excited to share that over the past year we have been able to measure our positive impact!

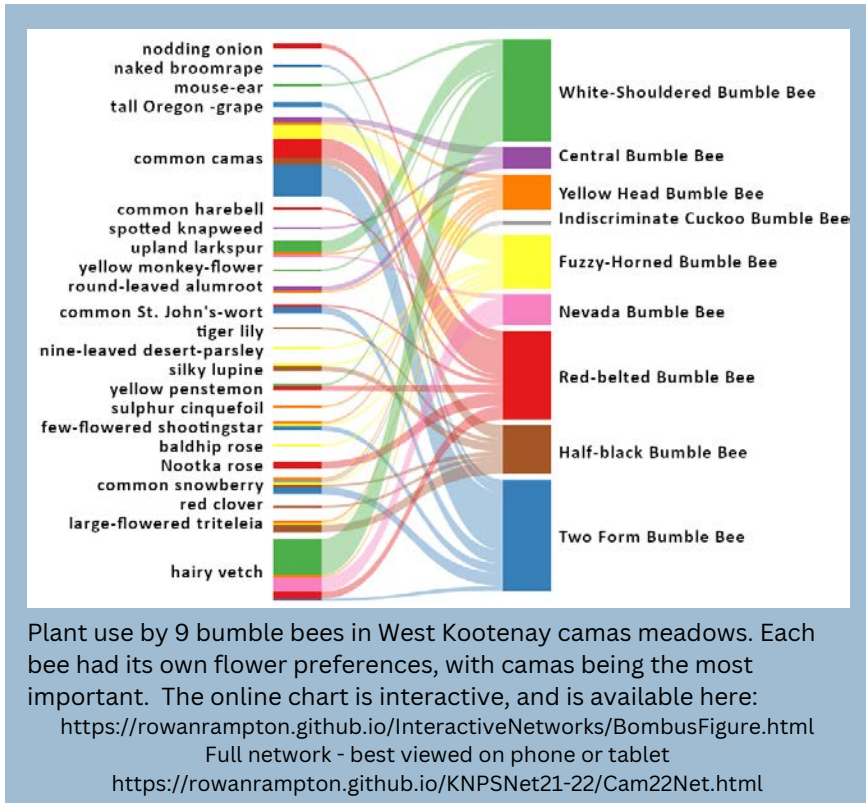
In this year-in-review, we tell you about some of our achievements and offer a few snapshots of the exciting work underway. ●

NEW FINDINGS IN BEE BUSINESS

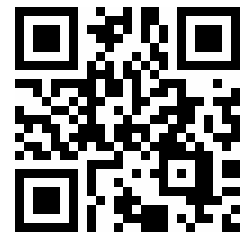
Our 'Floral Relations of Native Bees in Camas Meadows' project has been opening some new vistas in bee research. Graduate student Rowan Rampton documented 99 species of flowering plants and over 200 species of bees that visit Lower Columbia camas meadows. His observations revealed that over one-third of the known bee species in British Columbia can be found in these meadows. Even more exciting, through Rowan's diligent work and the assistance of bee taxonomist Lincoln Best, this project has uncovered bee

species unknown to science, as well as species new to British Columbia and to Canada!

The interactive pollination networks he has created (one pictured here) provide a fascinating view into bee - flower bonds and shows us how, among a diverse meadow full of plants, bees inevitably play favourites, yet everyone wins.



Link to full interactive pollination network:



Also as part of this project, KNPS hosted an important eco-cultural event with First Nations, western trained scientists, and project representatives in Millennium Park, Castlegar, in May 2022. This event was called; 'ʔitxwáʔ (Camas) and təptəpqiŋ (Bee): Exploring Ecological Methods and Value Systems Among Western-trained Ecologists and Indigenous Knowledge Keepers'. Participants included members of the Colville Confederated Tribes, Sinixt Confederacy, Okanagan Nation Alliance, Secwépemc Nation, and Ktunaxa Nation.

The outcome of this event was a rich and respectful conversation about approaches to bee and camas research and how best to recognize and honour Indigenous ways of knowing in this work. Our time together provided us a rare and special moment to bond over our shared connection to the land.

PROTECTING THE FUTURE OF CAMAS

Seed collecting and planting days are the foundation of KNPS conservation and ecological restoration work. Every year, college and university students join our team in summer months and make important contributions to these efforts on the ground and, often, through innovative research projects. Their work enhances the effectiveness of KNPS restoration efforts and offers valuable data and observations to numerous other stakeholders across BC and Canada in support of ecosystem protection.

One such remarkable student-lead project is the mapping work of Selkirk College student Tannah Ernst as part of her GIS Program Thesis. She is creating a map, known as a species distribution model, for camas (*Camassia quamash*) in the Pacific Northwest Interior (Columbia Plateau), including the camas occurring in the Lower Columbia. Camas is an ecologically and culturally significant flower that KNPS has been working to protect since 2012.

Tannah's map illustrates existing sites of camas as well as projected distribution of future sites, taking into account how our climate is expected to change in the next two decades. Although she is still completing this work, Tannah has already been able to identify a predicted reduction of camas habitat in the Lower Columbia under a 2020-2040 mid-risk climate scenario.

In other words, much of the camas growing along the Columbia River and parts of the lower Kootenay River could be lost in the coming decades. This research contribution by Tannah is key to understanding and planning for the survival of this plant under the impacts of climate change still to come. ●

Another highlight of KNPS Camas work was the renewed relationship with teachers and students with Brent Kennedy and Mt. Sentinel schools, located near the Crescent Valley Camas meadow.

With support from the Ministry of Transportation and 20 volunteers, the site was cleared of encroaching shrubs and opened up for camas and other meadow plants in August 2022.

The site is now poised to become a special outdoor gathering place for local students as they learn about camas and become entrusted stewards of this meadow.



BRINGING BACK THE BUTTERFLIES

Through our 'Building Climate Resilient Butterfly Habitat' project KNPS is working in Beaver Creek and Syringa provincial parks to document butterfly species and create native plant communities that attract and support butterflies.

Last year in these parks, we identified 48 butterfly species, including the blue-listed (marked of special concern) Silver-spotted Skipper and the at risk (red-listed) Edith's Copper. In the fall, restoration sites were established in each provincial park and both native plant seeds and seedlings, custom chosen based on our research findings, were planted into these sites.

An exciting part of this project is the Butterfly Habitat Interpretive Garden (BHIG) located near the day use area at Syringa Park. With the support of BC Parks, this public space now has hundreds of native plants that are important host plants for caterpillars and nectar plants for adult butterflies, especially those that are considered to be at risk and climate vulnerable. Enhancement of this interpretive site is ongoing and in early 2023 we added a universally accessible pathway and a bench; interpretive signage will be coming soon, as well. It is an exciting and rewarding part of the Pollination Pathway program that will continue to reach hundreds of park visitors annually. ●

MILKWEED FOR MONARCHS

Monarch Butterflies are a beloved butterfly famed for its long migration and close association with milkweed species. They were also recently recognized as an endangered species under the International Union for the Conservation of Nature.

While surveying the populations of showy milkweed - the Monarch's preferred food source - in the Pend d'Oreille Valley last summer, our student intern, Tiffany Muncaster, discovered the return of this beloved butterfly to the Lower Columbia. **This was the first time the butterfly has been seen in our region for five years, when KNPS Program Manager Valerie Huff last found caterpillars during her annual Monarch survey.** Tiffany went on to document a total of 29 Monarch caterpillars in the Pend d'Oreille and another 18 caterpillars at another showy milkweed site, Montrose Hill.




































In addition, Valerie documented leaf damage from hungry young caterpillars near the Waneta dam, south of Trail. This last record is notable because all the showy milkweed occurring at this site were planted by KNPS over the last six years. Now, it appears this site is supporting an internationally endangered butterfly.

We are proud to see our efforts are making a measurable difference to supporting Monarchs right here in the Kootenays! ●

Native Plants for the Pollination Pathway

The bees and butterflies have told us which plants they need!

The KNPS research team has spent three years documenting the native plants that are most important to native bees and butterflies in low elevation West Kootenay ecosystems. These discoveries are shared in this *first-of-its-kind* list. Choosing these priority flowering herbs and shrubs will help pollinators flourish in your garden and connect your garden with wild populations. Together, we can build a more biodiverse and resilient pathway of native plants and pollinators across our landscape.

NATIVE PLANTS		POLLINATOR BENEFITS	
HERBS	yarrow (<i>Achillea millefolium</i>)	★	
	nodding onion (<i>Allium cernuum</i>)	★	
	spreading dogbane (<i>Apocynum androsaemifolium</i>)	★	
	showy milkweed (<i>Asclepias speciosa</i>)	★	
	common camas (<i>Camassia quamash</i>)	★	
	western springbeauty (<i>Claytonia lanceolata</i>)	★	
	Sutherland's larkspur (<i>Delphinium sutherlandii</i>)	★	
	showy daisy (<i>Erigeron speciosus</i>)	★	 
	parsnip-flowered buckwheat (<i>Eriogonum heracleoides</i>)	★	 
	yellow monkey-flower (<i>Erythranthe guttata</i>)	★	
	showy aster (<i>Eurybia conspicua</i>)	★	 
	brown-eyed Susan (<i>Gaillardia aristata</i>)	★	
	golden-aster (<i>Heterotheca villosa</i>)	★	
	round-leaved alumroot (<i>Heuchera cylindrica</i>)	★	
	streambank globe-mallow (<i>Iliamna rivularis</i>)	★	 
	small-flowered fringe-cup (<i>Lithophragma parviflorum</i>)	★	
	swale desert-parsley (<i>Lomatium ambiguum</i>)	★	
	nine-leaved desert-parsley (<i>Lomatium triternatum</i>)	★	 
	silky lupine (<i>Lupinus sericeus</i>)	★	
	yellow penstemon (<i>Penstemon confertus</i>)	★	
common yampah (<i>Perideridia gairdneri</i>)	★		
silverleaf phacelia (<i>Phacelia hastata</i>)	★		
thread-leaved phacelia (<i>Phacelia linearis</i>)	★		
worm-leaved stonecrop (<i>Sedum stenopetalum</i>)	★		
western Canada goldenrod (<i>Solidago lepida</i>)	★	 	
smooth aster (<i>Symphyotrichum laeve</i>)	★	 	
large-flowered triteleia (<i>Triteleia grandiflora</i>)	★		
SHRUBS	kinnikinnick (<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>)	★	 
	tall Oregon-grape (<i>Berberis aquifolium</i>)	★	
	snowbrush (<i>Ceanothus velutinus</i>)	★	 
	black hawthorn (<i>Crataegus douglasii</i>)	★	
	oceanspray (<i>Holodiscus discolor</i>)	★	
	mallow ninebark (<i>Physocarpus malvaceus</i>)	★	
	choke cherry (<i>Prunus virginiana</i>)	★	 
Nootka rose (<i>Rosa nutkana</i>)	★		

Pollinator "Magnets"



These plants have been identified in our field work as attracting a wide variety and number of bees, butterflies, and other pollinators. Essential for supporting the broadest diversity of pollinators and other native plants.

Plants for Specialist Bees



Many bees specialize on the pollen from a single type of plant. These "specialist bees" are particularly vulnerable to extinction with the loss of their plant partner. Including plants for specialist bees in gardens and natural areas can also support a variety of other pollinators.

Butterfly Host Plants



Caterpillars of butterflies and moths feed on specific plants. For example, Boisduval's Blue caterpillars eat only silky lupine. By choosing these plants, you can support the rare and climate-vulnerable butterflies of the West Kootenay.

Note: This list is just a small selection of the native plants needed in healthy ecosystems. Aim for diversity and abundance in your plantings.

One well chosen plant can make a world of difference to a native pollinator!

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We welcome you to show your support for Native Plants by becoming a member of KNPS!

Cost is \$20 for an individual , \$35 for immediate family up to 4.

Membership is renewed annually.

Members are entitled to vote at our Annual General Meeting (members 18+) and receive benefits like early sign ups for our public events. Most of all, members have the reward of protecting and conserving native plants and pollinators that rely on them. Thank you!

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Warm Thanks to Our Supporters

Our conservation work is only made possible through a generous array of funders and partners. Warm thanks to all, and especially Columbia Basin Trust whose multi-year Ecosystem Enhancement Program matching grant has provided a secure foundation for our Pollination Pathway program.



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POLLINATION PATHWAY CLIMATE ADAPTATION

Annual Newsletter

March 2022

Pollination of native plants by native pollinators underpin the sustainability of ecosystems. Diverse plant-pollinator communities form the basis of the food chain for all wildlife and for people. The Pollination Pathway Climate Adaptation Initiative is working to enhance plant-pollinator communities in the Lower Columbia area of the West Kootenay, British Columbia.

This Program, with 13 sites and more than 20 partners, will build ecological resilience and connectivity within the ecosystem enhancement area.

Site-specific assessment and the incorporation of relevant climate research will guide restoration actions within three program areas:

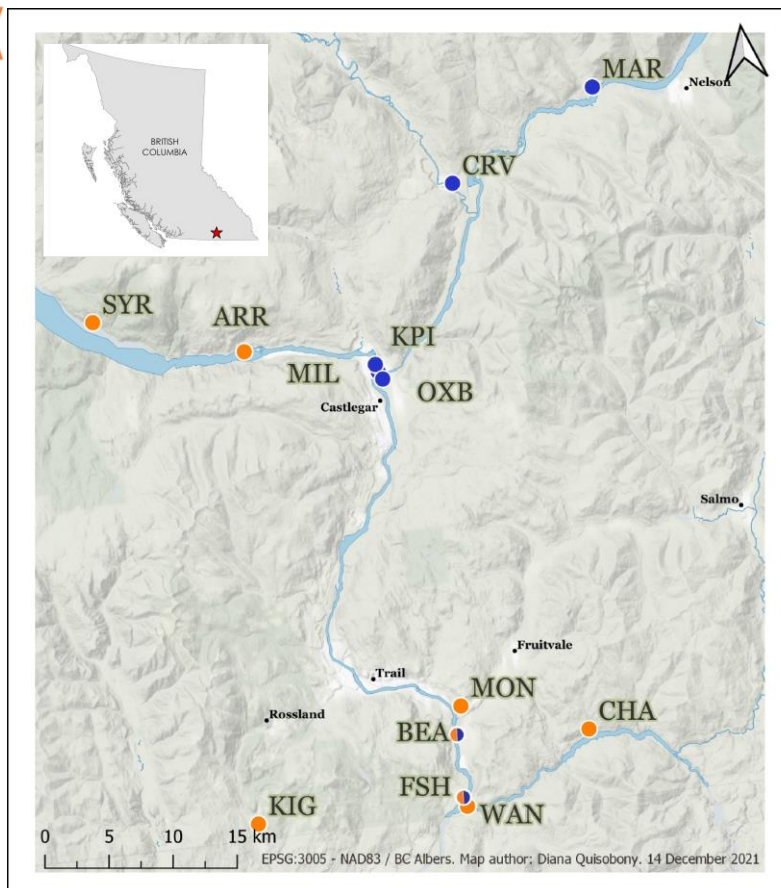
- ✳ Ecosystem enhancement of meadow/grassland communities supporting common camas and bees.
- ✳ Improving host and nectar plant availability for at-risk and climate-vulnerable butterflies.
- ✳ Increasing abundance and diversity of climate-adaptive, pollinator-preferred native plants through seed collection, custom growing, and out-planting.

Butterfly Sites

- SYR Syringa Provincial Park
- ARR Arrow Lake Restoration Site
- MON Montrose Antenna Trail
- BEA Beaver Creek
- CHA Charbonneau Creek
- FSH Fort Shepherd Conservancy
- KIG King George VI Provincial Park
- WAN Waneta

Camas Sites

- MAR Marsden Face
- CRV Crescent Valley
- MIL Millennium Park
- KPI *kp'tit'els* (Lower Brilliant Terrace)
- OXB Oxbow
- BEA Beaver Creek Provincial Park
- FSH Fort Shepherd Conservancy



2021 Milestones

- Collected over 5,000,000 seeds
- Planted over 1,000,000 seeds
- Nearly 60 species

Camas Plantings

- 11,000 bulbs planted into beds
- 2,400 bulbs & 18,500 seeds into 5 field sites

Other Plantings

- 300 milkweed rhizomes
- 1000 additional native plants



Need for Seeds

Pollinator habitat enhancement is limited by the availability of native plant seeds that support native bees and butterflies.

In 2021, we collected more than five million seeds of 59 plant species for our Wild Seed Library. Seven people and numerous volunteers spent more than 470 hours in the field. Processing of the seed took more than 250 hours.

Two public seed collection training days were held. On one day, 15 volunteers collected half a million seeds for a pollinator meadow project at the Kootenay Gallery of Art in Castlegar. On another, we collected seeds of 10 species for use on project sites.

King George Bees

Our intern Tannah Ernst helped us document bumble bee diversity in King George VI Provincial Park.

We detected 12 species of bumble bees; Half-black Bumble Bee and Vancouver Two-form Bumble Bee were the most common. Other species of note were Indiscr. Cuckoo Bumble Bee and the listed Western Bumble Bee.

Abuzz about Bees

We were joined by University of Calgary student Rowan Rampton in Year 2 of our FWCP-funded project, "Floral Relations of Native Bees in Camas Meadows." His MSc research focuses on:

- how the timing of plant-pollinator interactions are affected by environmental cues at varying elevations; and,
- the impacts of phenological mismatch.

There are eight meadow sites occurring from Marsden Face to Beaver Creek Provincial Park. Over the summer 2021, Rowan documented 800 pollinator



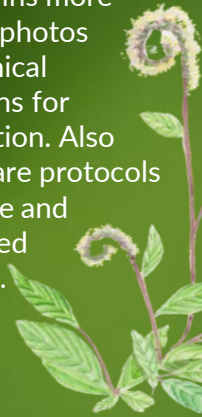
visits of 27 bee genera and the floral abundance and phenology of 94 plant species.

The observed diversity of plant and bee species associated with camas meadows supports their high ecological value.

Seed Collection Manual

To support volunteer training, the Program is creating a seed collection manual with 20 carefully selected plant species for restoration activities.

The manual includes species descriptions, methods of seed collection and forecasting, and info on similar species and associated pollinators, and contains more than 120 photos and botanical illustrations for identification. Also included are protocols for reliable and ethical seed collection.



Learning and Fun

Created by our intern Diana Quisobony, *Blazzom* is a new plant-pollinator card game that generates exciting player interactions and promotes ecological learning. It helps us all realize our role within the pollination pathway and have fun too!



Camas Meadows



“Riparian Camas Meadows” is a three-year project funded, in part, by Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC). The project goal is to begin the ecological restoration of degraded riparian and wet meadow ecosystems with special attention to camas (*Camassia quamash*) communities located along the Columbia and Kootenay rivers (5 sites), as well as two upland seepage sites. These meadow systems maintain high biodiversity and connectivity and

Planting Camas

Over 11,000 camas bulbs, ranging from 3-5 years old, and lomatium and yampah seeds were planted into reconstructed camas propagation beds at the Mir Centre, Selkirk College. These beds will supply plants for restoration sites.

Our camas efforts extended to our field sites as well - planting 2,400 bulbs and 18,500 seeds with the help of many volunteers and community groups.

Student Help

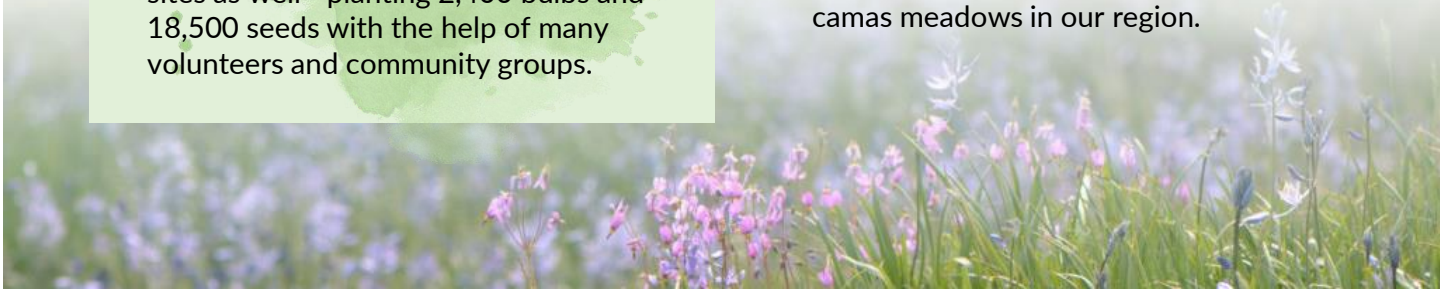
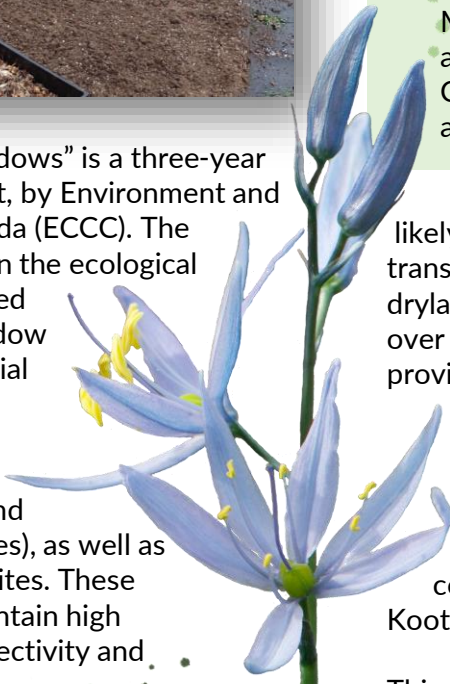
With funding from ECO Canada and Mitacs, and with support of Selkirk Innovates and Co-op Education and Employment Services at Selkirk College, we welcomed the help of three student summer interns: Diana Quisobony (seeds), Tannah Ernst (bees), and Josh Fogal (butterflies).

The CBT Job Experience Program also allowed us to hire Terri McRitchie (Restoration Coordinator) and Jenny Wallace (Seed Coordinator). All contributed to an amazing Pollination Pathway team!

likely are, and have been, important transition communities linking aquatic and dryland ecosystems. The meadows support over 90 species of native pollinators and provide early food sources for other wildlife. These meadows are also sacred Sinixt harvesting grounds for camas bulbs (*itxwa*, black camas), representing a deep heritage of plant stewardship, especially at the confluence of the Columbia and Kootenay rivers.

This work includes three main components:

- Applied research in plant composition, soils and hydrology, climate, and ecological structure, complemented with in-depth historical, cultural, and land use change investigations.
- Development and implementation of restoration prescriptions for the sites informed by previous, and on-going, research.
- Ecocultural events and outreach activities celebrating the wonders of camas meadows in our region.



Getting the Word Out

Connecting with more than 1,000 followers in the KNPS Facebook page so far, the "Pollinator Plant of the Week" series invites people to share their photos and perspectives.

In the last 28 days
62 Page Likes

407 Post engagements

3,154 People reached



In August 2021, our student interns took over the Kokanee Creek Nature Centre, first to premiere the new card game, *Blozzom*, and second, to showcase local plants and pollinators and share research with park visitors.

Thanks to these groups for helping us collect and plant seeds in 2021:

- Castlegar Butterflyway Rangers
- Rotary Sunshine
- Twin Rivers School
- J.L. Crowe
- Selkirk College
- Many Volunteers!



Butterflies in BC Parks

"Building Climate Resilient Butterfly Habitat" is a 3-year project funded by the BC Parks Living Lab for Climate Change and Conservation Program. A partnership among BC Parks, KNPS, and Selkirk College, we're studying regional plant-butterfly associations, with emphasis on at-risk and climate-vulnerable butterflies, and how best to establish meadow habitat at Syringa and Beaver Creek provincial parks (ref. site at Charbonneau Cr.).

In year 1, we found high plant, butterfly, and non-forest ecosystem diversity in the West Kootenay: 49 butterfly species and 160 plant species were identified and surveyed. Of the 141 nectaring observations, we found that butterflies prefer native asters, spreading dogbane, and brown-eyed Susan. Plants responded to severe heat and drought, and likely wildfire smoke, by shortening maturation periods, aborting growth, among other adaptations.

In Year 2, we'll continue our surveys and collect data on plant abundance and floral density. Data from these surveys, as well as Program climate research, will inform the restoration prescriptions within the parks.

An exciting additional part to this project is the development of an Interpretive Site at Syringa Park. Site preparation has begun, including planting of milkweed and native plant seeds. In 2022, we hope to continue with more site prep and planting and adding a pathway, signs, and a bench.

Complementing this work, our intern Josh Fogal conducted a Pale Swallowtail study noting that these butterflies peak in June, oviposit on snowbrush, and prefer spreading dogbane for nectar.



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Organization **Yahk Allied Horse Club**

Registration # 74563 8619 BC0001
PO Box 221, Yahk BC V0B 2P0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **The Fundamental Set Up for Equestrian Facility Phase #1 by Yahk Allied Horse Club**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area B

We are setting up our location in the community of Yahk. We have confirmed that folks will come from all regions of the Kootenays & beyond, to use our facilities. We have support from local residents, offering their help to secure a property, as well as Government agencies researching available public lands. We have a prioritized list of properties in play and will have a location nailed down by end of this year, or sooner. The funds we are asking for are for equipment and supplies that can be easily stored, and moved to the location when we finalize it.

Importance to the community:

Our equestrians struggle with a number of issues. A lack of accessibility to good riding spaces compounded with no protection from the elements. This causes us/them to have to spend resources in other areas, and therefore taking those resources out of the community. We have serious equestrians in the immediate area that compete up to & including International levels. Having an accessible arena to train in would elevate their skills, bringing a positive light to our community and area. This facility can also be used for other events, such as a Muster Point or Safe Place in times of natural disasters, such as Wildfire and Floods. Making professional services such as farriers, veterinarians, equine body workers (eg. massage or chiro) more accessible by having a one location for the pro to attend instead of several different widespread locations. This facility would be a Community Hub.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/17/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
\$1,000.00	\$15,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$500.00		\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
		\$500.00		
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$500.00	\$5,000.00	\$500.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$27,000.00

Project: The Fundamental Set Up for Equestrian Facility Phase #1 by Yahk Allied Horse Club

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$27,000.00	\$72,000.00	\$72,000.00

1. The project will provide:

We are setting up a unique equine facility to serve the Yahk area, the general Kootenay communities & beyond. Our board of directors are passionate, bona fide, equestrians pursuing various disciplines. It's widely known, the Kootenay winters stop most equestrian activities. Our LONG TERM goal is to create an equestrian facility including an INDOOR RIDING ARENA. Our SHORT TERM goal is to start by setting up an outdoor facility, including fencing, footing, and equipment for maintenance.

Our journey began last year & we have a healthy membership of new and renewed members.

We have supported ourselves so far with our memberships and fundraising, like bottle drives, donations, sponsorship, and hosting events like gymkhanas, trail rides, tack sales, print on demand merchandise, such as t-shirts, hats and mugs. This year, we have monthly events planned including several clinics & demonstrations. We have the support of the local and surrounding communities and we are working in alliance with other clubs to achieve our goals.

There is no PUBLIC indoor equestrian facility within a days drive from the Kootenays. We plan to change that.

Creating this year round PUBLIC facility will nurture a healthy lifestyle physically & mentally, as well as supporting the local communities commerce, and thereby creating a multilevel positive impact.

Let's get off the electronics and back to real living.

2. Organization Mandate:

PURPOSE OF YAHK ALLIED HORSE CLUB

1.

(a) to provide membership within a fun, friendly, educational, and supportive atmosphere to all equine enthusiasts no matter their age, level, ability, or discipline.

(b) to develop the art of good horsemanship and encourage the kindly and educated handling and care of the horse.

(c) to stimulate interest in and assist in the organization of horse shows, events, rides, and fundraisers.

(d) to promote all group activities of horse minded people.

(e) to aid in building a better youth in the Yahk area both physically and mentally.

(f) to purchase, lease, hire, or otherwise acquire and hold lands or buildings or any interest therein FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUILDING A FACILITY for the riding, training, showing or exhibiting of horses and related events and to equip the same with the usual and necessary adjuncts.

(g) to receive, acquire, and hold gifts, donations, legacies, and devices

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Our equestrians struggle with a number of issues. A lack of accessibility to good riding spaces compounded with no protection from the elements. This causes us/them to have to spend resources in other areas, and therefore taking those resources out of the community. We have serious equestrians in the immediate area that compete up to& including International levels. Having an accessible arena to train in would elevate their skills, bringing a positive light to our community and area. This facility can also be used for other events, such as a Muster Point or Safe Place in times of natural disasters, such as Wildfire and Floods. Making professional services such as farriers, veterinarians,

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equine body workers (eg. massage or chiro) more accessible by having a one location for the pro to attend instead of several different widespread locations. This facility would be a Community Hub.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Fact: There is a lack of accessibility to year-round/PUBLIC equestrian facilities. There is a documented increase in equestrian interest. Through years of being active riders, we have been a part of the traditional ebb and flow of pursuing equestrian activities. We ride hard in the training season, May-October, and then we sit during the down season, November-April. This interruption in the activity is hard on the riders & the horses, physically and mentally. We've done research by reading articles published by Horse Council BC, & other reliable sources, that indicate Equestrianism is on a steep rise, & we've done many public events that support these claims. An example: Yahk Christmas Craft Sale. Our table was visited by many, including an astonishing number of NON HORSEY people, interested in being a part of this wonderful world of equines. We hope to guide people to horses in a safe & educated way.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

Our experience and networking are a huge plus. We have a large and varied 'Circle of Friends'. We have a good relationship of working together, with fellow clubs, such as Creston Valley Horse Club, East Kootenay Equestrian Association (who use Wycliffe Exhibition Grounds), Horse Association of Central Kootenay. We don't know of another entity with this goal of a facility featuring a PUBLIC indoor arena geared towards equestrian activities. We had a very successful season last year, our 1st year, which helped confirm we were going in the right direction, & we understand the process is going to take time. We are in it for the long haul.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

We have a strong 5 member board, with support from the membership & local community of horse and non-horse folk who all agree this is a worthwhile cause. Most of the labor involved will be done by the many volunteers ready to get started. We have volunteers with skills, and equipment, to put together this outdoor facility as soon as the funding is in place.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes****11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Labor from volunteers
equipment rental from local residents
administrative duties done by the board of directors
in kind contributions from local businesses

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



September 18, 2023

Yahk Allied Horse Club
7960 Hwy 3
Yahk, BC V0B2P0

By Email: thebedazzledhorse@yahoo.com

Dear: Monika Currier

Funding provided for: Equestrian Facility

I am pleased to advise that the following Regional District Director requested funding support be made to your organization as a contribution towards your noted project.

The Board has authorized Community Development Grant funding of \$5,000.00, and payment will be made to your organization in the coming weeks.

Director	Supporting Area	Total Amount of Grant Funding Provided	Less Holdback (10% on support of over \$5,000)	Final Report Required
Roger Tierney	B	\$5,000.00		Yes

Grants of over \$5,000.00 are subject to a 10% holdback and organizations are required to sign and return a funding agreement prior to the release of funding.

A final report is required if noted above, and the holdback portion of funding shall be released once the applicant has submitted a completed financial report form, including copies of invoices to account for the full grant amount. A copy of the final report template is available on the RDCK website at <https://rdck.ca/EN/main/administration/grants.html>.

Sincerely,

Micah Nakonechny
Grants Coordinator

cc: Roger Tierney

Where did we come from and what are we up to?

A few months ago, a bunch of the horse people in Yahk, got together and started to hatch a plan to making horses, to some extent, easier, & definitely more accessible

We have a vision to showcase the many great things the horse world as to offer. We want to promote horses and all the wonderful side effects of being involved with them.

In this area, we have equestrians competing at all sorts of levels, we have a variety of breeders, we are rich in knowledge and horsemanship, and that needs to be shared.

We want to be seen as a friendly group that's going places, doing things, promoting horses and willing to help others do their journey, no matter what that journey is.

We are NOT discipline specific. Our board is comprised of everything from Dressage, Barrel Racing, Working Equitation, pleasure riders to our non riding board member who is just game to be a part of the group!

Now all that I have just mentioned is not that hard to do, and really, there are a few other clubs that are doing a similar kinda thing. And, I know there are a few, public riding grounds around, such as Canyon Park, Trail Horseman, Nelson & District Riding Grounds, and we would like to start by copying those. So, we are definitely looking for a location we can grow into. We'd like to start with the usual necessary essentials, like an outdoor arena, maybe a cross country/trail course, we hope to

have overnighting corrals and eventually a shedrow/stable set up.

But then, we have a bigger vision, and this is where we're different. This is where it gets exciting... The grounds I just mentioned are all very nice in their own right... BUT... None of them are covered. There is not a single PUBLIC covered arena in the area. There are a few very nice private facilities, but... We want to build, over time and with your help, a Public COVERED facility.

A place where you can drop in most anytime and work on your horse, regardless of weather. Another important offer is that this facility could help evacuees in Wildfire season and other emergencies.

As in most of the Kootenays, winter generally means a halt to all kinds of riding, and sometimes, even the simple things, like just a run around or having the farrier out can be a problem.

How many of the horse folks here tonight, secretly dream about a roof to ride under?

There is so much positivity we can draw on, and so much opportunity to help those who don't frequently interact with horses get involved by looking at the bigger picture, and by showcasing and emphasising the diversity of experiences horses can offer. And if you find yourself thinking, "what am I getting for the membership to the Yahk Allied Horse Club?"

You're building a future for horses, your horse, your riding & your ideas.

This riding club is for all of you and the horse.

Excerpt from the “The Sports Reviewer” Article

The Rise of Equestrianism: A Modern Phenomenon

Equestrianism as a Hobby and Lifestyle

Beyond the realm of competitive sports, equestrianism has also emerged as a popular hobby and lifestyle choice. Many individuals find solace and fulfillment in spending time with horses, whether it be through leisurely rides, trail exploration, or engaging in various equestrian activities.

Riding as a hobby offers numerous benefits, both physical and mental. It provides an opportunity for exercise, improving balance, coordination, and overall fitness. The bond formed between horse and rider promotes emotional well-being and can serve as a therapeutic outlet for stress relief and personal growth.

Equestrianism as a lifestyle encompasses a deeper commitment to the care and well-being of horses. Horse owners dedicate themselves to providing proper nutrition, grooming, and veterinary care to ensure the optimal health of their equine companions. This lifestyle choice also involves learning about horsemanship, stable management, and responsible horsekeeping practices.

Furthermore, equestrianism provides a sense of community and camaraderie among enthusiasts. Equestrian clubs, associations, and events offer opportunities for riders to connect, share experiences, and learn from one another. The equestrian community fosters a supportive environment, encouraging lifelong friendships and mentorship.



Equestrianism in Popular Culture

Equestrianism has made a significant impact on popular culture, influencing various forms of entertainment and media. From movies and television shows to literature and fashion, horses and equestrian themes have found their way into the hearts of people worldwide.

In the film industry, equestrian sports and the bond between humans and horses have been depicted in numerous acclaimed movies. These films, such as "Seabiscuit," "War Horse," and "The Black Stallion," capture the beauty and power of horses while portraying the emotional connections between riders and their equine partners.

Television shows and documentaries centered around equestrianism have also gained popularity. They showcase the dedication, skill, and challenges faced by riders in their pursuit of excellence. Such programs provide insight into the equestrian world, educating viewers about the intricacies of the sport and the profound relationships formed between horse and rider.

Equestrian literature, both fictional and non-fictional, has captivated readers with tales of adventure, triumph, and the indomitable spirit of horses. Classic novels like "Black Beauty" by Anna Sewell and "National Velvet" by Enid Bagnold have become timeless literary works, celebrating the bond between humans and horses.



Moreover, equestrian fashion has made a mark in the industry, with riding attire and accessories becoming popular trends. Equestrian-inspired fashion, characterized by tailored jackets, riding boots, and elegant equestrian-themed jewelry, has found its way onto runways and into the wardrobes of fashion-conscious individuals.

Equestrianism's presence in popular culture serves to inspire and educate audiences, promoting an appreciation for horses, their athletic abilities, and the unique bond shared between horse and rider. As this phenomenon continues to evolve, equestrianism remains a captivating aspect of modern society.

The Benefits of Equestrianism

Physical and Mental Health Benefits

Equestrianism offers a range of physical and mental health benefits, making it a popular choice for individuals seeking an active and fulfilling lifestyle. Engaging in horseback riding regularly can significantly improve both your physical strength and coordination.

Riding a horse requires the use of various muscles, including those in your legs, core, and upper body. As you navigate through different gaits and perform movements, you enhance your balance, flexibility, and overall body awareness. This form of exercise can help build muscle tone, improve cardiovascular fitness, and increase joint mobility.



Moreover, equestrianism has proven to have positive effects on mental health. Spending time with horses and being immersed in nature can have a calming and therapeutic effect on the mind. The rhythmic motion of horseback riding can reduce stress and anxiety, promoting relaxation and a sense of well-being. Additionally, the bond formed between rider and horse can boost self-confidence and improve overall mood.

Bonding with Horses

One of the most rewarding aspects of equestrianism is the unique bond that can be developed between the rider and their horse. Horses are highly intuitive animals and have a remarkable ability to sense and respond to human emotions. Through regular interaction and communication, riders can establish a deep connection with their equine companions.

The process of bonding with a horse involves trust, respect, and understanding. Horses are incredibly perceptive and can detect even the slightest changes in body language or energy. This mutual trust and respect between rider and horse create a harmonious partnership, leading to a more enjoyable and fulfilling equestrian experience.

The bond formed with a horse goes beyond the riding aspect. Caring for a horse, grooming, and spending time together outside of the saddle further strengthens the relationship. This connection can provide a sense of companionship and emotional support, enhancing the overall well-being of the rider.

Equestrianism as a Form of Therapy

Equestrianism has gained recognition as a valuable form of therapy for individuals with various physical, emotional, and cognitive challenges. Equine-assisted therapy, often referred to as "horse therapy," is known to have profound effects on individuals with conditions such as autism, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and anxiety disorders.

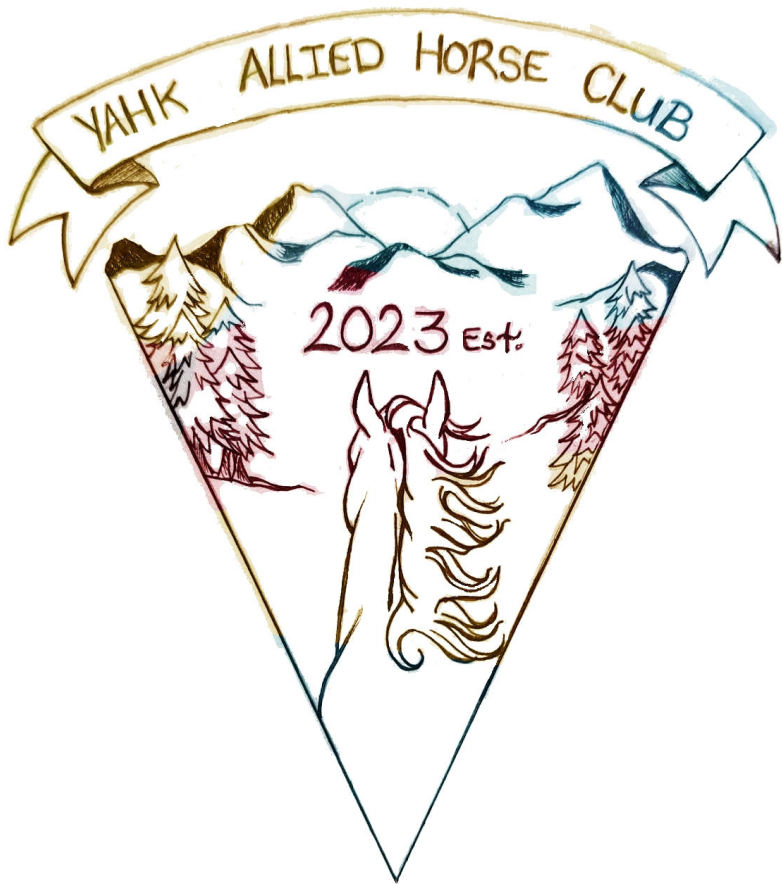


Interacting with horses in a therapeutic setting can help individuals develop essential life skills. The rhythmic motion of horseback riding can improve balance, coordination, and muscle strength. Furthermore, the non-judgmental nature of horses creates a safe and supportive environment, facilitating emotional healing and the development of trust.

Equine-assisted therapy can also enhance social skills and communication abilities. Horses provide immediate feedback to human actions, teaching individuals to be aware of their own behaviors and non-verbal cues. This increased self-awareness can transfer to interactions with other people, improving relationships and overall social functioning.

In summary, equestrianism offers numerous benefits for both physical and mental well-being. From improving physical strength and coordination to fostering deep connections and providing therapeutic support, horseback riding is a modern phenomenon that continues to positively impact the lives of many individuals.

The rise of equestrianism in recent years is undeniably a modern phenomenon that has captivated people from all walks of life. From its humble beginnings as a means of transportation and warfare, equestrianism has evolved into a beloved sport and recreational activity. This article has explored the various factors contributing to this phenomenon, such as the growing popularity of horse riding lessons, the influence of social media, and the therapeutic benefits of equestrian activities. As equestrianism continues to gain momentum, it is clear that this modern phenomenon will only continue to thrive and attract more enthusiasts. Whether it is the thrill of competition, the connection with nature, or the sense of freedom that comes with riding a horse, equestrianism offers something for everyone. So, saddle up and embrace the rise of equestrianism – a truly remarkable phenomenon of our time.



Brainstorming April 2023

These were the seedlings of our plan...

Why an arena in Yahk?

There are no Public covered arenas within driving distance. Cranbrook does NOT have a covered arena, I can't think of a Public Covered arena in the West Kootenays either.

Cultural, recreational, and fits in with our community's lifestyle.

So many horse owners in the area, and no where to keep horse and rider fit in bad weather/winter/rain etc.

So many people interested in horses.

The Yahk Hall, YKRS, has approached us to put on a demonstration in conjunction with one of their community events.

The East Kootenay Equestrian Association has joined forces with us to provide a Professional Saddle Mapping clinic.

We have a good relationship with many entities.

Yahk is the most central point between East and West Kootenays.

Equine sports are on the rise in popularity. With events like Working Equitation, Cowboy Challenge, Competitive Trail, Liberty as well as the tradition Gymkhanas, English and Western performance, events. This can be a safe, all weather facility for families to learn about horses, as well as do fun events that will bring the community and families together.

Other uses

Dog training, agility, Sheep dog training. Cattle penning, 4H fairs, clinics, common meeting ground for farrier, vet, body workers etc. Farmers market? Under the roof?

Things we need

Land Flat. Minimum acreage? 2acre+ must accommodate truck and trailers.

Outdoor arena (to be Covered once funding in place, may take a while) Start with an outdoor arena 100X200+. This will be the base for a covered "situation". Outdoor arena needs good footing that will accommodate various disciplines. Sand is the preferred material by local equestrians. Hog fuel may limit usage as it's not suitable for many local disciplines.

Lighting perhaps done with Solar panels and a generator if utilities are unavailable

Fencing/Holding corrals? Portable corral panels. To be covered (roof)later. These corrals would hold participating animals safely over the course of an event.

Arena maintenance equipment: Tractor and arena drag

Generate Income

We expect this facility to generate an income that will be reinvested in upkeep and progress. It will be worked to take care of itself. Arena will be available for rental Suggested: Average WEEKEND rental should be \$500 - \$1000 depending on what we have to offer. Also depends on the event with discounts to small clubs? Concessions, Events like Gymkhana, Clinics, etc.

Advertising:

Charge \$500/year to hang a poster in arena.

Sell Merchandise featuring our logo.

We have a website: [Home | Yahk Allied Horse Club \(yahkhorseclub.ca\)](http://yahkhorseclub.ca)

We also have a Facebook page and a Facebook group

Calendar of Events

March 26th : Tack Cleaning fundraiser

April 13th : Tack in Yahk Sale

May 4th: May the Horse be with You

June 8-9th : Equifusion/Barrel Clinic

July 20th : BBQ & Silent Auction

August 17th: Trail Ride

September 14th: Year end trail ride with lunch

October 6th: Obstacle day and trail ride at Lynne Larsens

Organization **SQx Danza**

Registration # 813604683RR0001

983 Kelly Drive, Castlegar BC V1N 4P5

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Tidal Wave - Year 2**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area B, RDCK Area C, RDCK Area D, RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, City of Nelson, Town of Creston, Village of Nakusp, Village of New Denver, City of Castlegar, Village of Salmo, Village of Si

AUDIENCE: We need to better our service for teenagers in schools. As youth get older, they feel less comfortable dancing in front of their peers. Therefore, while Tidal Wave is envisioned for all youth (it has better considerations for teenagers) with less movement for participants, but not less engagement to better meet the needs of older youth-because we using TikTok.

Schools in the areas above

Schools in the areas above

Blewett

JVH

Mount Sentinel

Brent Kennedy

Yaqaan Nukiy

LVR

Wildflower-Creston

Wildflower

South Nelson

Redfish

Rosemont

Salmo

Hume

Trafalger

Canyon-Lister

Erickson

ARES

Crawford Bay

Nakusp

Lucerne

Twin Rivers

Kinnaird

WE Graham

Importance to the community:

WE'RE WORKING WITH A NEW PARTNER IN SLOCAN TO HELP US BETTER SUPPORT COMMUNITY NEEDS: W.E. Graham Community Service Society is helping us

INCLUSION: By connecting social inclusion with a new urgent wider world framework (ecology, environmental sustainability, and climate change), we're maintaining the relevancy of our work, but also reaching our audiences through a new lens. A new exciting Arts Based Community Development strategy and performance will help us better reach teenagers!

Project: Tidal Wave - Year 2

BALANCING THEME WITH CARBON COSTS OF TOURING: As the pandemic subsides, we're challenged with how to balance our environmental sustainability accomplishments while also being sensitive to artists' mental health. We'll balancing both physical & digital formats for Tidal Wave, where environmental sustainability is part of both the theme and the action-plan for presentation.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/3/2024 Project End: 4/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,000.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$3,000.00				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$3,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
\$2,000.00	\$2,350.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$47,850.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$47,850.00	\$165,292.00	\$165,292.00

1. The project will provide:

TIDAL WAVE: Is a new dance program aiming to raise awareness about the oscillation between environmental sustainability and climate change with social inclusion.

HYPRID: The program will investigate balancing physical & digital presentations to maintain our environmental sustainability accomplishments established during COVID-but not compromising engagement in vulnerable youth.

From 2020-2022, we:

- Reduced our carbon footprint by 407,018kg
- Saved 475kg of disposable personal protective equipment through the digital presentation of our work
- Reduced our workplace related CO2 by 338,000kg by working remotely
- Reduced our GHG emissions by 442K by wearing uniforms and costumes made of sustainable and organic materials

Project: Tidal Wave - Year 2

NEW CHALLENGE: As the pandemic subsides, we're challenged with how to continue to balance our environmental sustainability accomplishments as we incorporate more physical work. In "Tidal Wave," environmental sustainability is part of both the theme and the action-plan for presentation.

Tidal Wave's new format and theme, will help us develop sustainable growth in our organization for a post-pandemic era. Whilst participants are meaningfully impacted by:

- Cool digital tools and a professional performance to engage with art and culture and ecology
- Thought-provoking discussions and engagement exercises to reflect on environmental sustainability and advocacy
- Opportunity to explore the uneven distribution of the climate change burden and how it correlates to social inclusion

2. Organization Mandate:

Mission: To use contemporary dance to promote kinship, collaboration, and teamwork.

Mandate:

Mandate & About:

- We further the development of dance and public engagement through performance and outreach programming.
- We provide flexible touring series for arts venues, public schools, and conservatories to bring performances and interactive programming to both large & small communities.
- We use dance to make the world a better place

DEFINING VULNERABLE: We engage with people who have been systemically underserved in Canada's history as well as those that currently experience hegemonic inequities (physical, economic, or social). In using the term "vulnerable," we are not blaming or disempowering vulnerable populations. Instead, we recognize the systemic barriers that prevent people from fully participating in society. We also note that a person's proximity to hegemonic characteristics (e.g. white, urban, cis, heterosexual, wealthy, able-bodied, and thin) affects the degree of their vulnerability.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

WE'RE WORKING WITH A NEW PARTNER IN SLOCAN TO HELP US BETTER SUPPORT COMMUNITY NEEDS: W.E.

Graham Community Service Society is helping us

INCLUSION: By connecting social inclusion with a new urgent wider world framework (ecology, environmental sustainability, and climate change), we're maintaining the relevancy of our work, but also reaching our audiences through a new lens. A new exciting Arts Based Community Development strategy and performance will help us better reach teenagers!

BALANCING THEME WITH CARBON COSTS OF TOURING: As the pandemic subsides, we're challenged with how to balance our environmental sustainability accomplishments while also being sensitive to artists' mental health. We'll balancing both physical & digital formats for Tidal Wave, where environmental sustainability is part of both the theme and the action-plan for presentation.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

We thought deeply on what we want to explore next &...

- What urgent themes haven't we addressed yet?
- What gaps are there in our service? -How can we better our service to vulnerable Basin communities through dance?
- How do we deepen our commitment to inclusion?
- How can we make process-based learning simpler?

Based on the answers to the above, we devised a framework for Tidal Wave

Project: Tidal Wave - Year 2

Youth Presenters will work with other SQx presenters to DESIGN, DELIVER, & EVALUATE TIDAL WAVE

CONTEXT:

-Develop a 3-day arts-based community development process to engage vulnerable youth with:

1. Dance performance by professional dancers
2. TikTok video development with participants
3. Discussions

-Investigate different ecological frameworks like 1) How do climate related disasters more adversely affect vulnerable populations? Consequently, how do climate related disasters support or oppose inclusion? OR 2) How does water access affect inclusion?

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

At SQx, our vision is that all humans have a responsibility to protect the earth. Therefore exploring the environment is a "natural" progression for us, and it's part of our social and community responsibility to use dance and our services to reflect on wider world issues affecting communities.

COVID MADE US STRONGER: We adopted a digital presentation style very quickly for projects like AIP, which helped us be more environmentally sustainable (see attached). Now environmental sustainability impacts all our decision-making. COVID helped us to positively reevaluate our dissemination strategies.

AIP ACHIEVEMENTS

- 100% of educators felt AIP increased their students' understanding of equity, discrimination, & racism
- 92% of participants reported they could demonstrate inclusion
- 80% of educators felt AIP increased their students ability to ask for help & seek justice from adults & their peers
- 82% of participants had a positive experience in being physically active through dance

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

YOUTH DESIGN, PRESENT, & EVALUATE IMPACT.

***HIRING PREFERENCES: We have hiring preferences because it's critical to the identity of our organization, and it is how we work towards continuously improving SQx and our programming and performances to ensure our work considers the experiences of diverse audiences and participants. Our goal by ensuring diverse presenters are at the forefront of creation is to give voice and visibility to vulnerable populations. Each artist brings special knowledge and experiences that influence the social inclusivity outcome of our works.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes****11. In-kind sources and contributions:****12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



W.E. Graham Community Service Society
Chantal Smith Executive Director

Wednesday 17 May, 2023

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Slocan, BC
V0G 2C0

RE: SQx & WEGCSS Tidal Wave Partnership

On behalf of W.E. Graham Community Service Society (WEGCSS) we agree to partner with SQx in the development of their new program arts-based Community Development program, Tidal Wave.

Tidal Wave is a new dance performance program aiming to raise awareness about the oscillation between environmental sustainability and climate change with social inclusion.

We want to partner with SQx on this project because Tidal Wave uses creative workshops, performances, learning, teaching, and training to help alleviate rural isolation and lack of social and recreational services for Slocan Valley youth through an environmental & cultural lens.

In partnership SQx & Latséeni Daakahidi (House of Wellness and Strength) - Taku River Tlingit First Nation, and SD67 Okanagan - Skaha, WEGCSS roles and responsibilities include providing:

- On-site monitoring in the Slocan Valley during piloting
- Educator and student survey feedback
- Impact measurement feedback
- Discussion topic feedback
- Thematic feedback

Like WEGCSS, SQx is an established Slocan Valley service provider. SQx has been providing blended social-cultural programming in the Kootenays for more than decade. Therefore, as a like-minded organization we are eager to formalize a relationship between us through Tidal Wave.

Please note, however, that WEGCSS is providing services and support for Tidal Wave, but not financial support. We are a partner; not a funder. WEGCSS is not financially liable for any components of the project.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, should you require further confirmation of our support.

Chantal Smith
Executive Director
W.E. Graham Community Service Society



Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

At SQx, we pride ourselves on our ability to advance 9 of the 17 United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) for peace & prosperity for people & the planet.

2 ZERO HUNGER 	3 GOOD HEALTH & WELL-BEING 	4 QUALITY EDUCATION
5 GENDER EQUALITY 	8 DECENT WORK & ECONOMIC GROWTH 	10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES
13 CLIMATE ACTIONS 	16 PEACE, JUSTICE, & STRONG INSTITUTIONS 	17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



2 ZERO HUNGER

SQx aims to increase food security & improve nutrition in remote areas in Canada. When touring to remote communities with high food insecurity, we bring fresh produce to make healthy smoothies & snacks for students & staff.

3 GOOD HEALTH & WELL-BEING

SQx promotes physical activity & boosts the health & well-being of vulnerable youth by increasing access to Arts, Culture, & Sport.

In June 2023, we tracked 1,011,160 minutes of physical activity in vulnerable communities in Remote & Northern Canada.

4 QUALITY EDUCATION

SQx provides equal access to free, inclusive, & socially-responsible programming that aims to foster positive youth development & civic engagement.

From 2020-2023, we presented our Active Inclusion Program (AIP) to 31,015 youth. 218/218 educators said AIP increased their students' understanding of equity, discrimination, & racism.

5 GENDER EQUALITY

100% of SQx's Leadership Team are women. We empower women & gender diverse people to ensure full & effective participation & equal opportunities for all.

Our works (i.e. Cecilia, Anti-Bullying Movement Program, Active Inclusion Program), aim to disrupt all forms of discrimination against women & girls across the globe.

8 DECENT WORK & ECONOMIC GROWTH

SQx provides long-term, inclusive, & sustainable employment for vulnerable artists.

By digitizing & diversifying our work, SQx has doubled our artist numbers & contract lengths, meaning we created more jobs for diverse artists. In addition, artists (excluding management), working with SQx across 2 seasons (2022-2023) received an average wage increase of 20%.

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES

SQx promotes the social inclusion of all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion, or economic or other status.

We ensure that diverse artists are at the forefront of creation & development to give voice & visibility to vulnerable populations. Each artist brings special knowledge & experiences to increase the social inclusivity outcomes of our works.

13 CLIMATE ACTIONS

Climate actions are at the heart of SQx. We're committed to ending the climate crisis through the development of hybrid program & performance architectures, responsible consumption & production patterns, & the creation of works that raise awareness about climate change & its impacts.

From November 2020 - June 2023, we reduced our carbon footprint by 479,557 kg.

16 PEACE, JUSTICE, & STRONG INSTITUTIONS

SQx fosters peaceful & inclusive communities through socially-responsible performance & performance programming, & aims to provide justice for all.

232/237 educators said our Active Inclusion Program increased their students' knowledge & ability to show citizenship, selfless gestures, & kindness to encourage belonging within Canada.

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

We have strong global partnerships for the sustainable development & growth of SQx. Partnering with CIRCE - Experimental Platform for Dance & Theatre in Tbilisi, Georgia for our "Cecilia" double-bill amplified arts engagement in vulnerable populations, fostering international social change. Additionally, collaborating with Taku River Tlingit First Nation for our "Tidal Wave" project ensures it's culturally safe, respects Indigenous voices, & honours their perspectives.

Organizational Highlights



Our mission is to use contemporary dance to promote kinship, collaboration, and teamwork. We further the development of dance and public engagement through performance and outreach programming. We provide flexible touring series for arts venues, public schools, and conservatories to bring performances and interactive programming to both large and small communities. We use dance to make the world a better place.

Fiscal Responsibility

SQx has 9 years of audited financial statements to ensure we maintain the highest standard of trust with those most affected by our organization's actions (formally known as stakeholders). Additionally, only 5.5% of our annual revenues goes to office and administration. We use dance to make the world a better place, and revenues are genuinely felt in vulnerable communities (rather than an office).

Fair Wages & Sustainable Employment

SQx employees are paid in accordance with the fee and rate standards set by Canadian Alliance of Dance Artists (CADA) Professional Standards. In fact, artists (excluding management) working with SQx across 2 seasons (from 2022-2023) received an average wage increase of 20%.

100% of SQx artists believe that their job with SQx is sustainable. We continue to sustainably improve the well-being of emerging and professional artists across Canada through stable, long-term, and full-time employment.

Positive & Healthy Work Culture

We believe in a culture of respect, inclusion, collaboration, and trust. We prioritize the health and well-being of our employees by leading regular check-ins, and facilitating open communication and collaboration.

100% of SQx artists believe that SQx provides a safe work environment that supports artists mental health. We provide various employee wellness programs, including monthly team lunches and weekly yoga classes to boost team morale and promote physical, emotional, and mental prosperity.

A Great Place to Work

100% of SQx artists feel their work at SQx is meaningful and creates transformative meaningful change both for employees and recipients of SQx's work.

100% of SQx artists feel SQx's response to COVID (including pandemic and post pandemic response) positively impacted their career and experience as an employee.

100% of SQx artists feel they have accomplished a career goal in the last 6 months.

100% of SQx artists believe SQx is dedicated to diversity and inclusiveness and they consistently make efforts to ensure everyone at work feels respected, supported, and included.

100% of SQx artists think SQx is successful at accommodating diverse work styles.

"I'm really proud to work for an organization that is seeking to make the world a better place. It's also evident that management cares about the well-being of their employees and are working hard to make positive changes for the health and well-being of us artists."

"SQx is an inclusive and caring environment. Everyone is here to lend a helping hand to fellow coworkers AND to any student teacher or school that needs it. You can see how much everyone at SQx is willing to put themselves on the line to support people in need."

"SQx strives to find connection between their work and the community (beyond that of the contemporary dance community). In my opinion, SQx creates meaningful change within the contemporary dance community and the broader community."

"What stands out to me about working with SQx is being able to work with women who are so well-rounded and truly intelligent. We're not only dancing, but we're all actively participating in important discussions and are quickly learning new skills to contribute to the organization in various ways. I work with people who are brave, resilient, and creative -- and that, is very inspiring and makes me incredibly happy!"



ACTIVE INCLUSION PROGRAM (AIP)

AIP is an interactive performance program that uses dance to disrupt discrimination, intolerance, racism, and hate.

Participant Demographics

76%

Multi-Barriered

70%

Low-Income

50%

Minoritized Ethnicities

35%

Remote/Rural

21%

Indigenous

15%

Official Language Minority

14%

Newcomers

From September 2020 to June 2023, we presented AIP to

31,015 YOUTH



MISSION & IMPACT

AIP empowers youth to recognize Canada's diversity as a source of strength, and encourages youth to show citizenship, selfless gestures, and kindness to increase belonging within their communities for the full and meaningful participation of all. AIP also brings together Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth to share and learn about reconciliation and decolonization in Canada.

100% of educators (Grade 3 and above) feel AIP increased their students' understanding of equity, discrimination, and racism.

99% of educators feel AIP increased their students' knowledge and ability to work collaboratively and as a team.

97% of educators feel AIP inspired their students to become more physically active and express a positive attitude towards being physically active.

96% of educators feel AIP inspired their students to become positive role models and leaders within their community, family, and school.



"Loved how involved, engaging, and responsive the instructors were. Their abilities to make connections with the students are incredible!"
Arts Education Director, WP Bate, Saskatoon, SK

"Thank you so much for everything that you've done for our classroom and community. You had 100% participation the entire time and my students were so excited to dance with you every morning. This program is incredible. I'm a huge fan of your mission. Kukwstsétsemc!"
Educator, Sk'elep School of Excellence, Kamloops, BC

"A program that reaches the body, heart, and head, and has an impact."
Educator, École South Pointe School, Winnipeg, MB

"AIP was amazing! I enjoyed myself so much! [...] I made so many memories and connections about the history about Canada. [...] The only thing that I wish is that the AIP dance was longer."
Student, Osoyoos Elementary, Osoyoos, BC



Organization **Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society**

Registration # BC Society Number S-48744
Suite 19-622 Front Street, Nelson British Columbia V1L 4B7

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Community Pulling Together**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area C, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area J, City of Castlegar
Coordination of the project will occur through the CKISS offices. The pulling events will occur at five sites as follows:
-Norns Confluence site, Robson, Area J
-Kootenay Gallery site, City of Castlegar
-Creston Valley Wildlife Area, Area C
-Snk'mip Sanctuary in Hills, Area H
-Pulpit Rock trail, Area F

Importance to the community:

This project involves a variety of community members from youth and school groups, to local residents and diverse organizations. This is an engaging and accessible program that benefits not only the environment, but encourages outdoor learning and knowledge building. Community groups are keen to take care of their beloved spaces and need the support and knowledge to do so. The entire community benefits when the youth are educated and involved.

"The trips allow our youth to become environmental stewards through invasive species management and restoration activities within our community. CKISS provides our group with hands-on restoration experiences by assisting with invasive species removal, site inventory, and plant ID. This type of placed based education helps youth feel they are giving back by learning to take care of the world by understanding and connecting them to where they live".
Deidre Pierce, Robson Scouts and Venturers

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/17/2024 Project End: 11/30/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
		\$1,509.00		
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
	\$1,509.00		\$1,509.00	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$1,509.00				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$1,509.00			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING	\$7,545.00

Project: Community Pulling Together

			REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	
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Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$7,545.00	\$24,407.00	\$24,407.00

1. The project will provide:

The Community Pulling Together program engages local residents under three objectives; direct action to control invasive species, bringing the issue of invasive species to the attention of the community and encouraging volunteers to become local stewards of the natural assets in their communities. CKISS will run six events based on partners requests.

In a Community Pulling Together event, a group is organized to mechanically remove an invasive plant infestation in their community. Participants gain hands-on experience and knowledge on invasive plant control. Stewardship groups that successfully complete a weed pull event receive a 250 honorarium (with the exception of school groups). The events last from two to three hours with anywhere between 10-30 volunteers and CKISS provides supplies (shovels, bags and weed disposal).

Groups love to roll up their sleeves and get involved in a project with tangible results. People can see that they can make a difference in only a few hours and have a sense of pride with their accomplishments. Volunteers get to learn hands-on the impact of invasive plants on an ecosystem and learn removal techniques. These events are highly regarded and a fun way to develop environmental ambassadors.

2. Organization Mandate:

Mission: To protect ecosystems and communities by preventing and reducing the harmful impacts of invasive species.

An invasive species is a species that is not native to a specific location, and that has a tendency to spread to a degree that causes damage to the environment, human economy or human health.

Vision: Ecosystems, communities and the regional economy are healthier because the harmful impacts from the spread of invasive species have been reduced. Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society (CKISS) educates, works with, and calls to action area residents, visitors, and a diverse range of communities and organizations.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This project involves a variety of community members from youth and school groups, to local residents and diverse organizations. This is an engaging and accessible program that benefits not only the environment, but encourages outdoor learning and knowledge building. Community groups are keen to take care of their beloved spaces and need the support and knowledge to do so. The entire community benefits when the youth are educated and involved.

"The trips allow our youth to become environmental stewards through invasive species management and restoration activities within our community. CKISS provides our group with hands-on restoration experiences by assisting with invasive species removal, site inventory, and plant ID. This type of placed based education helps youth feel they are giving back by learning to take care of the world by understanding and connecting them to where they live".

Deidre Pierce, Robson Scouts and Venturers

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Project: Community Pulling Together

Invasive species affect the economic and environmental potential and health of our communities. Tourism, agriculture, energy infrastructure and property values are all vulnerable to the impacts of invasive species. Invasive species have a significant impact on ecosystem health, and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature considers them one of the greatest threats to biodiversity globally.

CKISS has conducted inventory and monitoring of invasive plants in the region since 2005. A database of suitable sites for the Community Pulling Together program and requests from community groups is maintained. A prioritized list of invasive plants for the region is produced annually through a consultative process with regional land managers.

CKISS seeks to continue this program on existing sites to increase efficacy of treatment through continuity and to capitalize on the enthusiasm of volunteers in new areas. Primary invasive species targeted include scotch broom, Himalayan blackberry, yellow flag iris and knapweed.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

CKISS has a mission to protect ecosystems and communities by preventing and reducing the harmful impacts of invasive species. Prevention is the most effective invasive species management, and education and outreach are key to this goal. CKISS strives to build capacity within local communities by engaging residents and youth through education and outreach and inspiring communities to take action. To support this goal CKISS has a dedicated Education Program Coordinator, who has organized Community Pulling Together events for the past 9 years. The Education Program Coordinator has developed an extensive outreach and social media presence and can effectively recruit volunteers and share the stories of success with the wider community.

CKISS also has an extensive terrestrial operations program that manages inventory, monitoring and control of invasive species in the region. Through this program, suitable sites are established and monitored on an ongoing basis.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society (CKISS) will be coordinating the project. Volunteers including the following will be participating in the pulling events:

- Okanagan Nation Alliance and Robson Scouts, Norns Confluence site, Robson, Area J
- West Kootenay Naturalists, Kootenay Gallery Site, City of Castlegar
- Lucerne Elementary School or New Denver Dragon Boat Team Snk'mip Sanctuary, Area H,
- Options for Sexual Health Clinic, at the Creston Wildlife Management Area, Area C
- Nelson Run Club, Kootenay Mountain Club and Jazmine Lowther - Professional trail runner, Pulpit Rock trail, Area F

8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes****11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

CKISS is providing all the planting equipment in-kind. CKISS has an extensive media platform which is being provided for advertising and recruitment of volunteers. CKISS has also developed extensive outreach material which is being provided at cost.

Volunteers will be providing labour in-kind valued at \$9,000.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



819 Houston Street, Nelson BC, V1L 5J3

NelsonRunningClub@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/NELSONRUNNINGCLUB

Regional District of Central Kootenay

February 15, 2024
Re: CKISS Application

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society's (CKISS) application to the Columbia Basin Trust Resident Directed Grant (ReDi Grants). As a member of the Nelson Run Club and an avid outdoor enthusiast in the Nelson area, I have had the pleasure of exploring the beautiful trails, including the Pulpit Rock trail. It is a beloved trail for hikers, runners, cyclists, and outdoor enthusiasts alike. Therefore, I am excited to hear about CKISS's initiative to organize a Community Weed Pull event at Pulpit Rock.

Teaming up with the Nelson Run Club and Jazmine Lowther, Nelson's 2023 Sport Ambassador, for this event is a fantastic idea. By mobilizing volunteers to remove invasive plants along the trail, we can contribute to improving ecosystem health and preserving one of the most popular trails in Nelson.

The presence of invasive plant species along the Pulpit Rock trail poses a threat to the local ecosystem and recreational activities. By participating in the Community Weed Pull event, we can take proactive steps to prevent the spread of invasive plants and protect our cherished trails.

I am eager to join fellow community members for two hours of rewarding weed pulling, snipping, digging, and bagging. It's an opportunity to give back to the trails we use and love, while also enjoying a fun and fulfilling outdoor activity with friends.

Considering the impactful work undertaken by CKISS and the vital nature of their initiatives, the Nelson Run Club wholeheartedly supports CKISS in securing funding through the ReDi Grants. For any queries regarding the Nelson Run Club's involvement and backing, feel free to reach out to me without hesitation.

Stephen Harris
Manager, Nelson Running Club



Regional District of Central Kootenay

February 15, 2024

Re: CKISS Application

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society's (CKISS) application to the Columbia Basin Trust Resident Directed Grant (ReDi Grants).

As the Restoration Lead for the Okanagan Nation Alliance (ONA), I am actively engaged in ecosystem health improvement projects across various sites in the Columbia Region, including the Norns Confluence site.

Norns Confluence is a riparian ecosystem greatly impacted by altered water cycles, erosion, development, human recreation, and the encroachment of invasive species. This site is crucial as Norns Creek serves as a spawning tributary of the Columbia River, acting as a vital wildlife corridor within an urban setting. The mature cottonwood forest at Norns Confluence provides essential foraging, roosting, and nesting habitat for numerous species, including eagles, red-tailed hawks, pileated woodpeckers, flickers, and more.

Despite our efforts focusing on revegetation, wildlife tree protection, and invasive plant management, Norns Confluence still faces challenges from invasive plants such as Himalayan blackberry, spotted knapweed, and orange hawkweed, which threaten native biodiversity.

The Norns Confluence site presents a valuable opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of preserving critical ecosystems within our community. The ONA Columbia Natural Resource team is eager to collaborate with CKISS in Robson to engage local residents in a Community Weed Pull event. These events empower residents by providing authentic opportunities for direct action on environmental issues and educate them about ecological concepts and the importance of protecting biodiversity.

Given the significance of CKISS's work and the importance of their initiatives, the ONA fully endorses CKISS in receiving funding from the ReDi Grants. If you have any inquiries regarding ONA's participation and support, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Alysia Dobie

Alysia Dobie, BSc, Forest Technician

Restoration Lead, Okanagan Nation Alliance

adobie@syilx.org



TO KNOW NATURE AND KEEP IT WORTH KNOWING

The West Kootenay Naturalists Association

Regional District of Central Kootenay

February 17, 2024

Re: CKISS Application

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter of support for the Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society's (CKISS) application to the Columbia Basin Trust Resident Directed Grant (ReDi Grants).

The West Kootenay Naturalists Association (WKNA) is enthusiastic about the opportunity to work together with CKISS in their efforts to enhance our natural environment. These events not only allow us to contribute to invasive species management and restoration efforts in our community, but also provide invaluable hands-on experiences in environmental stewardship. CKISS guidance in invasive species removal, site inventory, and plant identification would be instrumental in enhancing our understanding of local ecosystems and fostering a sense of responsibility towards our environment.

The WKNA wholeheartedly endorses CKISS in receiving funding from the ReDi Grants. We believe that CKISS initiatives align closely with our mission to promote environmental conservation and sustainability, and we are confident in CKISS's ability to effectively utilize the grant funds to further their impactful work in invasive species management.

Thank you for considering CKISS's application, and we look forward to having a role with them in their environmental stewardship endeavors.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paula Neilson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Paula Neilson
President, WKNA

<https://wknats.weebly.com/>

Regional District of Central Kootenay
February 15, 2024

Re: CKISS Application

To Whom It May Concern,

I am reaching out to express my enthusiastic support for the Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society's (CKISS) application to the Columbia Basin Trust Resident Directed Grant (ReDi Grants).

In my role as Nelson's 2023 Sport Ambassador, professional trail runner and an avid outdoor enthusiast, I have had the privilege of exploring the beautiful trails in the Nelson area, including the iconic Pulpit Rock trail. This trail holds a special place in the hearts of hikers, runners, cyclists, and outdoor enthusiasts alike.

I am thrilled to learn about CKISS's initiative to organize a Community Pulling Together event at Pulpit Rock and am fully on board with this endeavor. Collaborating with the Nelson Run Club for this event is an excellent idea. By rallying volunteers to remove invasive plants along the trail, we can play a significant role in enhancing ecosystem health and safeguarding one of Nelson's most cherished trails.

The presence of invasive plant species along the Pulpit Rock trail poses a serious threat to the local ecosystem and recreational activities. Participating in the Community Pulling Together event allows us to proactively address this issue and protect our beloved trails for future generations.

I am eager to contribute to CKISS's efforts by utilizing my trail running network to promote the event and recruit volunteers. Count me in to assist in recruiting volunteers for the rewarding tasks of invasive plant pulling, snipping, digging, and bagging. I firmly believe in the importance of this event and its potential to make a positive impact on our community and environment.

Considering the significant work undertaken by CKISS and the crucial nature of their initiatives, I wholeheartedly endorse CKISS in securing funding through the ReDi Grants. Should you have any questions regarding my involvement or support, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Warm Regards,



Jazmine Lowther
jazminelowther@gmail.com

Organization **Valley View Golf Club**

Registration # S0007905

6937 HWY 6, Winlaw British Columbia V0G 2J0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Course and Clubhouse Improvements 2024**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H, Village of Slocan

All aspects of this project will take place on site at Valley View Golf Club and Restaurant.

Importance to the community:

Valley View Golf Club has been a part of our community for 57 years, providing a venue for not only golf, but many community events, ranging from weddings, celebration-of-life gatherings, tournaments, musical events, sledding, cross country skiing, group meetings, etc.

As a destination for the golfing community at large, we bring people from outside the area, benefiting our many local Slocan Valley businesses.

Each year we provide a handful of seasonal jobs for local residents, supporting families and individuals with local work. We provide a fun form of recreation for all, encouraging a healthy lifestyle and positive environment for people of all ages and walks of life. VVGC is a place where young people can learn the sport, golfers can practice their skills, and where people can gather, socialize, and utilize the many functions of our fantastic facility. Implementing this project will improve the vitality of our valley.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/20/2024 Project End: 10/18/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			\$15,850.00	\$1,500.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00	\$500.00
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
\$500.00	\$2,000.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$23,350.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
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Project: Course and Clubhouse Improvements 2024

\$23,350.00	\$23,350.00	\$23,350.00
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1. The project will provide:

Our project goal is to refresh and upgrade the basic and vital elements required to maintain our facility, in turn, helping to grow our membership, and to provide a better quality experience for our guests. Year after year, we struggle with climate change and the asset management required to keep the course in acceptable playing condition, and to make course improvements. Through recent years, COVID and inflation have impacted the course in both positive and negative ways, and this year, as in each year previous, we intend to upgrade the course incrementally so as to remain a priority recreation and tourism facility for our community. Both the course and the clubhouse/kitchen have items that are in need of attention in order to provide optimal service and maintain the most positive experiences for our customers.

Equipment, irrigation hardware, fertilizers, and clubhouse supports are needed so Valley View Golf Club can continue to provide this vital and important sport and recreation destination within the Slokan Valley. During the 2024 season, our staff, BOD, and volunteers will be working as a team to complete the necessary upgrades and maintenance duties that will have an immediate and lasting effect on the experiences of our members, guests, and staff.

2. Organization Mandate:

Valley View Golf Club is a non-profit organization providing affordable golfing facilities to the public for the past 57 years. Our full service clubhouse and restaurant provide the community with an affordable recreational and social venue, providing opportunities for social games, tournaments, weddings, or gatherings, and public or private events. Our operating budget for the upcoming season is \$138,600 in revenues and \$128,300 in expenses.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Valley View Golf Club has been a part of our community for 57 years, providing a venue for not only golf, but many community events, ranging from weddings, celebration-of-life gatherings, tournaments, musical events, sledding, cross country skiing, group meetings, etc.

As a destination for the golfing community at large, we bring people from outside the area, benefiting our many local Slokan Valley businesses.

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4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Our priority action items are as follows:

The nine greens are in need of fungal disease control, turf management, and focused maintenance.

All tee boxes (some hold 2 sets of tees, total of 22 areas of intent) require leveling, overseeding, and some disease control.

Ongoing sprinklerhead maintenance, replacement, and relocations are required on specific areas of the course.

Mowers barrel assemblies for the diesel mower, and turf aerator tines need replacement.

Fertilization and sand/seed top dressing of greens and tee areas of the course is required.

A new, modern Point Of Sale system with database and analytics for the clubhouse.

A new upright freezer.

New junior and adult rental club sets.

Project: Course and Clubhouse Improvements 2024

Rental golf carts are in need of repair, maintenance, and replacement. 2 additional carts would benefit our future revenue streams.

These items have been identified by the BOD in communication with the Greens Superintendent and management staff.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

Our Board members and staff are passionate, dedicated, and hardworking. The course has been in operation for nearly 60 years and through that experience, the ability to provide quality improvements to the infrastructure, assets, and services have been a yearly endeavor. With a passionate membership, BOD, and community, we share the workload and strive to continue to support this area with a solid plan to provide a quality product for everyone. The capacity to complete the project will be within the normal operation framework and will not require additional staffing to complete, other than the expected volunteer efforts.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Our maintenance(Greens) staff, management staff, Board of Directors, and volunteers will be implementing the project. The BOD has a wide variety of expertise in many fields, for example: bookkeeping, business, golf course operations/maintenance, carpentry, marketing, community outreach, food & beverage management, etc. Our grounds maintenance staff will be returning and have years of local on site experience, and know exactly how our systems and equipment work. We have a dedicated group of volunteers to pool from that help out year after year and will continue to help us implement various changes and upgrades.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes****11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Various members and local machine operators, contractors, and merchants have extended interest in providing in kind contributions to the course improvement project. Local operators have offered to provide machinery and labor to get the tee boxes leveled an irrigation improvements completed. Slocan mechanic has offered to install parts and do set up on the new mower blade kits, and aerator tines. Many members have shown interest in providing minor labor enhancements to any of the maintenance procedures which qualify.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Rural Alternatives Research and Training Society**

Registration #

3762 Little Slokan South Road, Winlaw British Columbia V0G 2J0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **A Country Road Theatre Creation Lab**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H, City of Nelson, Village of New Denver, City of Castlegar, Village of Silverton, Village of Slokan

The Vallican Whole Community Centre, on Little Slokan South Road in Winlaw (Vallican) area, in the Slokan Valley.

Importance to the community:

Living rurally can sometimes make it difficult to access quality arts and culture experiences. The Vallican Whole is a beautiful and flexible arts venue, but has programming challenges because of the complexities of rural theatre creation. The vision for this project is to improve connections, collaborations and opportunities for rural theatre practitioners and arts programmers, creating a deeper and more effective network of locals who are interested in theatre arts. We hope from this project new projects, relationships, resource-sharing, tours, and other opportunities will spring up for professionals as well as community arts initiatives. From that, the rural communities around the Kootenays will benefit - more locally created, locally performed live theatre for audiences across the basin, benefitting anyone who enjoys the arts in the region.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/1/2024 Project End: 8/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			\$1,000.00	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$750.00		\$750.00	\$500.00
Village of Silverton	Village of Slokan			
\$500.00	\$700.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$4,200.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
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Project: A Country Road Theatre Creation Lab

\$4,200.00	\$37,900.00	\$37,900.00
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1. The project will provide:

A Country Road Theatre Creation Lab, hosted at the Vallican Whole Community Centre in Winlaw, July 18 - 21st 2024, will be a 4-day artist-focused series of performances, workshops, masterclasses, discussions and community-networking events that is focused on empowering theatre and performance artists - germinating the next new wave of impactful, exciting and relevant art making for those who call the Kootenay mountains home. Created for performers, playwrights, directors, presenters, producers and practitioners, this festival will aim to ignite contemporary artistic development, while also fostering local connection and collaboration.

This event will bring together rural theatre practitioners from the Central Kootenay region (and beyond), connecting creators for collaboration and learning. It will also offer public performances open to anyone interested in taking in locally created theatre. The organizing committee will be formed by engaging local theatre artists and arts community members, representing a diverse sect of the regional performing arts community. The organizing committee will reach out to artists in the region to propose workshops, performances, masterclasses and other events, and co-create a program that will be engaging, useful and inspiring for participating artists, and will generate exciting public performances for the wider community.

Programming will be released in spring and registration (fee-based, but with accessibility in mind) will be open to anyone interested in joining the Lab.

2. Organization Mandate:

The Rural Alternatives Research and Training Society, parent organization to the Vallican Whole Community Centre, is a community hub, bringing people together to learn, share skills, celebrate, engage in the arts, explore topical issues, and create rurally relevant strategies for sustainable living.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Creating and sharing theatre in a rural community like the West Kootenays can sometimes be challenging and isolating. Resources, performance opportunities, and learning spaces are scarce and harder to access than in larger cultural centres. This Lab seeks to address the challenges that rural theatre-makers face in honing their craft, developing professionally, and sharing their work, by inviting collaborative learning and strengthening of the local theatre community.

There are many theatre-makers in the rural Kootenays, often working in isolation or needing to leave the area for job opportunities. This Lab provides relationship and community building space to reduce isolation, inspire collaboration, and increase the skillset and connectivity of these talented artists.

Project: A Country Road Theatre Creation Lab

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

The Vallican Whole has a long history (over 50 years) of facilitating rural arts and culture, and has been home to many rural theatre creation groups and performances, including Theatre Energy in the 1970s-'90s, and the Valley Gems in the 2010s and '20s. It has hosted many performances, and slowly over the years developed a reputation as a unique and flexible theatre creation and performance space. The Whole is also working to increase its infrastructure and capacity as an arts-incubation space, and has recently undergone some venue improvements that support theatre making. Current Board and Staff at the Whole are passionate about creating accessible community theatre in the Slokan Valley, and interested in building relationships with other curators/producers in the region. The Whole also received a CKCA grant to support this project in 2023.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The Steering Committee is made up of local arts practitioners and representatives from local arts organizations and a Vallican Whole board member. The Committee will provide direction and feedback to the Artistic Director of the Lab, Marya Folinsbee, who is also the Administrator for the Vallican Whole Community Centre. We may engage other contract employees and certainly engage many volunteers to help implement the project.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Abundant volunteer labour - likely over 200 hours.

The Vallican Whole Space, and it's existing resources - valued at over \$3000 for the full weekend use including theatre resources and amenities.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Compilation of Artist Support for “A Country Road” Theatre Festival

To Whom it may Concern,

I am a theatre artist, director and educator. I recently moved to Slocan, BC. I would be a very strong and enthusiastic supporter of a rural multi day theatre festival located in the beautiful and artistically vibrant Slocan Valley. The opportunity to bring artists together in a natural setting outside of an urban area is an idea with so much creative potential. I believe the festival would also spark initiatives that would continue long after the actual event. I am 100% onboard and happy to participate and support the venture whole heartedly.

Sincerely,

Valerie Campbell
Associate Professor Emerita - Drama
School of Creative and Performance Arts
University of Calgary

After a long, odd and lengthy pandemic of distancing, there is no better time than now to be re-sewing the foundation of performance making and gathering for theatre. I would be thrilled to be part of such an event focused on bringing together Slocan artists, generating new visionary momentum, creating intentional bonds, sharing in peer to peer creation, but most of all, to be even deeper embedded in the community that is inspired to keep revitalizing the live theatrical experience for those living throughout the valley.

Elaine Weryshko
Educational Director of the Canadian Academy of Mask and Puppetry
Winlaw / Calgary

As a rural artist and theatre maker I am incredibly excited at the prospect of an opportunity to collaborate with other rural artists in a structured and curated container such as the one Marya is proposing. So often I have felt isolated in my practice, with large distances to travel and barriers I face getting to see other work and meet other theatre artists. I think a retreat and festival is a wonderful idea and I can imagine new collaborations and work being seeded at such an event.

Ellie Reynolds
Writer/Performer of “The Way They Came” and “On the Other Hand”
East Shore of Kootenay Lake

Timestamp	Name (First and Last)	Email	professional theatre workshops would you be interested in seeing at
2024/02/14 12:31:10 PM PST	joanne feenstra	jofeenstra@gmail.com	Playwriting;Directing
2024/02/14 8:15:02 PM PST	Sydney Black	info@ndac.ca	Directing;Design and Tech
2024/02/15 10:04:44 AM PST	Ingrid Love	ingridloveconsulting@gmail.com	Playwriting;Directing;Movement / Dance;Creating
2024/02/16 6:07:52 PM PST	Madeline Setzer	madeline.c.setzer@gmail.com	Playwriting;Directing;Devising New
2024/02/19 8:53:00 AM PST	Valerie Campbell	vcampbel@ucalgary.ca	Devising New Creation;Movement /
2024/02/19 3:41:06 PM PST	Bryan marrion	b.l.marrion@gmail.com	Playwriting;Directing;Devising New
2024/02/20 9:05:32 AM PST	Daniela Bustos	danibustos80@gmail.com	Creating in community/amateur

offering a workshop or session to Lab programming (paid)? If	performance piece (short or long-form) that you would consider	in joining a planning committee for the festival?	Can we add you to our email list?
no...	No	Yes	Yes, please!
production management session, or I could talk about the hot tips of starting your own	No	Yes	Yes, please!
Not just now	No	Maybe	Yes, please!
Acting- Meisner,	I would consider it.	Maybe	Yes, please!
Movement-	No	Yes	Yes, please!
Maybe	I would consider it.	Yes	Yes, please!
	No	Yes	Yes, please!

What types of discussions would you want to have at this theatre festival?

not committed to anything

How are we navigating social shifts in the theatrical world? The foundation of theatre often involves actors taking on experiences that are not their own. How do we perform without appropriating? Where is the "line"?

Chats about where the industry is at right now (and what needs to change), and a conversation using unusual spaces for Community based discussions - how to get artists involved in creating and producing works

Collaboration and community building

Survival community fundraising

hoe to bring people from different countries to Kootenay

What would be a dream workshop or event that you would like to recommend for this festival?

play writing, then performing it. the 24 hour box idea.
productions...like western canada theatre and the citadel's situation. Also just learning from western canada theatre about how they have created a professional theatre situation in a town that isn't huge would be very interesting to me.
Anything! This region has so few opportunities for theatre professional development

Spymonkey!!!!

Artistic support
anything related to production, how to make a production theater happen here (I'm not from here)

October 11, 2023

Dear Marya,

I would like to offer my support (and interest, and curiosity) for your Rural Theatre Festival project, which I believe to be a timely and necessary project for the arts community in our region. I recently completed an MFA at the University of Guelph largely because of the musical I wrote, directed and produced in my own small town near yours.

As a theatre creator, I could see myself preparing a play for the event. In fact, I have a piece that I began a few years ago using a dozen interviews with Rossland locals. The conversations suggested a common narrative of injury/recovery. I used this text for a five-minute long verbatim theatre piece that was performed using collaboratively improvised movements twice at Winter Carnival in 2020. With the invitation to prepare something for your festival, I would be compelled to expand the piece for a larger audience outside of the specific town whose words fuelled it.

I am in full support of your Rural Theatre Festival project, and would like to reiterate the importance of this kind of community-led theatre endeavour in developing emerging artists.

Véronique Darwin
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PO Box 474 Rossland BC V0G 1Y0
www.veroniquedarwin.com

Organization **Blueberry Creek Community School Council**

Registration # 886243831RP0001

200 Centre Ave, Castlegar BC V1N 3B9

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **TGIF Friday Night Youth Program.**

Project will be located in: City of Castlegar

The program takes place at the Blueberry Creek Community School Hub, and utilizes the community Kitchen, the Gym and the multipurpose room.

Importance to the community:

TGIF is extremely important to the children and families in the community. This youth program has been a longstanding pillar of community development, connection and inclusiveness in the community.

The children attending benefit from the social, emotional safety and connection. Their parents and care providers also feel the community connection as they interact with neighbors and friends at drop off and pick up.

The drop in, barrier free nature of the program means that families can utilize the program when it benefits them. It alleviates some of the social and financial pressure many parents find themselves under to provide inclusive activities for their children.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 9/20/2024 Project End: 6/20/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
				\$300.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$1,000.00				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$3,500.00			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$4,800.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$4,800.00	\$16,864.00	\$16,864.00

1. The project will provide:

In September 2024 BCCS will facilitate the 27th consecutive year of the extremely successful and much loved TGIF Friday night youth program.

The program is an opportunity for school aged children and youth from Blueberry, Castlegar and much of the surrounding area to socialize and recreate in a safe, nurturing and inclusive environment. Program attendances have rebounded since pandemic restrictions were lifted, and with the addition of a nutritional meal, the average attendance on Friday night is now ~ 50 children. The program which runs Friday nights from Sept -June is staffed by 5 exceptional young people, 2 in the childcare field and 3 college student positions. The staff cook and serve a nutritional meal to the children and then they can choose their preferred activity. Options include a movie with a concession in the multipurpose room, craft and games in the kitchen and recreational games and sports in the gym, or all of the above. All of the activities are supervised and fun, and the children and youth build strong, trust relationships with the staff and their peers. The program is free to attend and BCCS is committed to an inclusive, barrier free environment.

2. Organization Mandate:

Blueberry Creek Community School Council seeks to provide educational, social, cultural and recreational opportunities as a means of building and celebrating community.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

TGIF is extremely important to the children and families in the community. This youth program has been a longstanding pillar of community development, connection and inclusiveness in the community.

The children attending benefit from the social, emotional safety and connection. Their parents and care providers also feel the community connection as they interact with neighbors and friends at drop off and pick up.

The drop in, barrier free nature of the program means that families can utilize the program when it benefits them. It alleviates some of the social and financial pressure many parents find themselves under to provide inclusive activities for their children.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The youth program supports the social and emotional wellbeing of the children and youth who attend as well as providing their families with the comfort and security of having a safe barrier free environment for their children to socialize and build relationships and connections in their community. Positive social connections help ensure healthy development in children, reducing depression, anxiety and social isolation and are good for their mental and physical health. In 2022, one of the TGIF evenings included a "pizza party" and staff noticed the positive effects of the children eating together and that some children appeared hungry. This led to the decision to add additional time to the program in 2023 and to serve a nutritional meal every Friday night. This has proven extremely positive with the children and the parental feedback is extremely positive.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

BCCS society feels privileged to have the opportunity and capacity to host this valued community youth program at the BCCS Hub. The program is an example of the societies commitment to serving the children, youth and families in our community.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Project: TGIF Friday Night Youth Program.

BCCS staff facilitate the program. On Friday nights there are 5 staff onsite, two are childcare providers and there are three Selkirk College students with lots of experience working with children in inclusive sport and recreational settings.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

BCCS has had food hamper donations from Kalesnikoff Lumber and other community members.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Parent Testimonials from 2023

Blueberry Creek Community school has been an integral part of our children's early years. The programs run by the school fill a need in the community.

My son has recently started attending the TGIF Friday movie night and has had a very positive experience. He is on the autism spectrum and has a mild intellectual disability, he loves being social but has a hard time figuring out how to bond/play with other kids. The TGIF program has created a great setting for him to share in some collective joy with his peers while feeling some independence, and it's just plain fun!

Our twin daughters both benefit from attending preschool and daycare as well as strong start at the school. And I look forward to the day they'll be able to go to the TGIF movie with their brother

Sincerely,
Anna Cristofoli
250-304-4813
annamcullaghrrmt@gmail.com

My son Maverick has been attending Blueberry for almost 3 years now. Finding a center that would accommodate my child and his autism diagnosis was challenging. Blueberry made it so easy for him. As a parent you want to feel confident your child is being supported and safe and blueberry has done just that. Maverick has attended the daycare program, the preschool program and now the after school program. Without Blueberry's support and programs, there's no way I would have been able to keep my full time employment. The staff are very supportive and always there to help. I feel confident knowing I am leaving him in an environment where he is included and supported.

Maverick recently attended the TGIF program for the first time. He had a blast! It's reassuring to know there is somewhere he can go to socialize and feel included with other children his age.

I can't say enough good things about Blueberry and their programs. Their programs have been so beneficial throughout the years with my child's development. He feels included and safe every time he is there. I am not sure where we would be without them.

Samantha Thor-Larsen

TGIF 2023



Organization **Nelson Civic Theatre Society**

Registration # 811788702 RR 0001

719 Vernon Street, Suite 103, Nelson British Columbia V1L 4G3

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Supporting the Kootenay Screen-Based Industry**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area B, RDCK Area C, RDCK Area D, RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, RDCK Area K, City of Nelson, Town of Creston, Village of Nakusp, Village of New Denver, City of Castlegar, Village of Salmo

The KSBI Regional Program Manager is based in Nelson (and the Film Commissioner is in Winlaw), but the reach of the program spans the region (as far as Elkford and Sparwood in the east, to Edgewood and Burton in the west, to the Rossland and Montrose in the south. and as far as Radium Hot Springs and Edgewater to the north). With online interactions on the Facebook group, at meetups, and in events and workshops available to KSBI workers from all across the region, the program connects the widespread rural communities of the Columbia Basin.

Importance to the community:

The KSBI is a critical component that correlates to the KRFC. The Regional Program Manager is responsible for building and stewarding the local and regional network of more than 550 KSBI workers, and bridging the local industry with commercial film projects that are beginning to materialize across the East and Central Kootenay through the work of the KRFC. This role and program is a critical component of the development that is happening to bring these projects to the region and have local people and businesses benefit from them. Without it, we risk losing access to many future work opportunities on film projects.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/31/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
\$500.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$500.00
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
\$500.00	\$500.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$20,000.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$20,000.00	\$26,700.00	\$26,700.00

1. The project will provide:

This project will support the Kootenay Screen-Based Industry (KSBI) Program for the 2024-25 year, supporting the key roles of Screen-Based Industry Program Manager and Events and Communications Coordinator and the costs associated with hosting meetups of Screen-Based Industry Workers in Columbia Basin communities within the RDCK. The Program Manager is also growing into an integral part of the regional management of the Kootenay Regional Film Commission.

The ReDi Program (and as CIP) has supported the KSBI program in a number of ways in the past, including start-up consulting to begin this economic stimulation program, the development of kootenayfilm.com, and support for the Kootenay Regional Film Commission (KRFC).

KSBI programming is free of charge, age-inclusive, and open to the public. It has no earned income streams. Since its inception, this program has needed minimal support because a BC Rural Dividend grant supported it. Our expectation has long been that NCTS would be able to support this role through earned income from three theatres once our renovation was complete. As this renovation has been delayed, that funding stream is not yet available to us, so we will need funding to continue this important regional economic development program in the coming year. Once the renovation is complete, the plan is for NCTS to be able to support this program on earned revenues.

2. Organization Mandate:

Organization Mandate As a registered Canadian charity, Nelson Civic Theatre Society's (NCTS) mandate is to provide a public amenity by operating and maintaining a theatre as a multi-use facility for film screenings and for other artistic, educational and community-building programs and events for the benefit of the general public; be a home and presenter of lectures, workshops, courses and seminars on topics related to film or utilizing digital media for a diverse range of audiences; and protect, preserve and improve Nelson's historic Civic Theatre.

We fulfill our mission through:

Programming a wide range of cinematic presentations that respond to community interests.

Protecting, preserving and improving The Civic Theatre as a venue for cinematic and live cultural experiences, and for other educational and community-building programs and events.

Supporting local film, digital media and their creators, and encouraging the study and appreciation of film as an art and as a medium for information and education.

Working with community partners and local screen-based media artists toward building an information and communications technology hub that provides our rural community the means of engaging with and participating in a global community.

Engaging with other organizations, institutions and individuals to create synergy and grow community capacity.

Continuing to invest in the future of our community and, in particular, its youth.

Our Values

Our programming reflects our community's diversity and culture.

We provide a fulfilling and respectful working environment for our staff and volunteers.

Project: Supporting the Kootenay Screen-Based Industry

Community input, dialogue and volunteerism are essential to our operation.

We strive to be innovative and entrepreneurial, a catalyst to local thought leaders as they contribute positively to the digital world.

We foster a spirit of collaboration and endeavour to complement the goals and programs of other community groups and organizations.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The KSBI program addresses the economic and networking barriers that workers face living in a rural community. The program began in 2016 as a response to feedback from industry workers that cultural infrastructure and opportunities for professional development were lacking in our region. Since its inception, the program's goals have been identified through ongoing regular engagement with members through meetups, panel discussions and surveys. Goals are reviewed and renewed on an ongoing basis to ensure responsiveness to local needs and economic realities. This project will support continued support and outreach for workers through management of an active Facebook group (currently 554 members), professional development opportunities (mentorships and workshops), and significant support to the economic goals of the KRFC.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

Since 2017, NCTS has been committed to developing the KSBI and we have built a strong network. Our very active KSBI Facebook group connects more than 550 people, updating members on industry activities, including monthly meetups. The role we have played in developing and securing the KRFC is substantial. We want to continue building momentum for Kootenay-based film projects, including major ones with significant economic impacts. Results of this program have included festival events for youth, emerging and established Kootenay filmmakers, a wide array of professional development events and workshops, mentorships of women in film, strategic project leadership resulting in the development of the film gear rental program, kootenayfilm.com and the Kootenay Regional Film Commission, the majority of which has had a reach spanning the entire region. We look forward to KSBI programs supporting the STOODIS Indigenous Film festival this year. We are the right organization to continue this work.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

NCTS is the home of the KSBI and co-founder of the KRFC, in partnership with the Kootenay Rockies Tourism Association in Kimberley, BC. The KSBI Regional Program Manager will lead this project, working closely with the Events and Communications Coordinator and the Regional Film Commission. Depending on meetups, events, workshops, and mentorship plans, a number of other SBI professionals may be contracted to play paid and volunteer roles in executing programs.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes****11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Project: Supporting the Kootenay Screen-Based Industry

Some meetups will be hosted in kind by local/regional businesses. NCTS offers considerable overhead to this project in the form of office space, supplies, printing, and bookkeeping, as well as hosting screening events.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Words of Support for the Kootenay Screen-Based Industry (KSBI)

I've been an independent filmmaker for the past 8 years and there have certainly been challenges and barriers I have experienced along the way being a woman. It seems like most film crews are dominated by males and not always open to have women join their team. In some situations, my safety and well-being was threatened and I certainly hoped I could have learned from other female mentors. After talking to some of my peers, I have realized it is a common experience for women in the industry. Having worked in the adventure and sport filmmaking industry, it is heavily male-dominated. I've witnessed that men tend to hire other men, and favour men on-set. Some of my most valuable experiences as a filmmaker have been working with other inspirational female creatives. Women understand each other and uplift each other.

I am impressed by all that The Civic Theatre is doing to keep film alive and support artists...I think they are doing amazing work and wholeheartedly support their creative vision to continue supporting local screen-based industry workers and artists, especially those that are women. This was a valuable mentorship experience for me and it is so clear that mentorship is such an impactful learning experience, helping those emerging learn from the more experienced. The need for these learning experiences and opportunities to connect with other females in the field are more prominent than ever.

It is great to see such a local initiative take strides to provide these types of learning opportunities, especially for underrepresented females in the industry.

~ Agathe Bernard, www.agathebernardphotography.com, www.carvinglandscapes.ca, www.agathebernard.com

Kootenay Rockies Tourism...is in full support of economic development opportunities in our region, and recognize that The Civic Theatre's goal to cultivate a strong screen-based industry closely aligns with our existing work in Destination Development, Media Relations and marketing the region on behalf of our stakeholders.

NCTS has already demonstrated outstanding drive, purpose, commitment and cultural leadership in our region with this project...We have continued conversations and see real opportunities for the emergence of a strong film region in interior BC with continued support. Their vision to develop this sector further is innovative and holds very promising potential to benefit the quality of all residents throughout the Kootenay region. We believe this project has a strong potential to become an economic asset to our region through increasing creative collaboration between the media arts and tourism sectors. Please consider this proposal as it is an exciting stepping stone to great opportunities for the film and tourism economy to flourish.

~Kathy Cooper, CEO, Kootenay Rockies Tourism

Our 2016 Nelson Innovation Centre Feasibility Study recommended that the NIC explore a strategic alliance with The Civic Theatre because of the work that they were already undertaking

to identify and support the local screen-based industry (SBI)...We believe that the KSBI program supports local business interests and that it will be a great economic benefit to the community through their work in conducting industry research and development. This work is pertinent at a time where the potential for economic development in our region is ripe and the more we can support initiatives like this, the more benefit our community gains, culturally and economically.

~Andrea Wilkey, Executive Director, Community Futures Central Kootenay

NCTS has given digital artists and filmmakers like me huge incentives and resources to continue growing here, in the Kootenays. They have given me and my peers opportunities to share information and connect with people in our work-spheres. As an independent filmmaker in Nelson, it has been a game-changer to meet people who are experts in their field, as well as motivated creatives who want to collaborate and support each other. There is a healthy brew of talented independent filmmakers working in the region, and we would benefit, and greatly appreciate, mentorship from these experienced professionals.

~Jonathan Robinson, Director, FMRL Productions

Having worked as a freelance filmmaker for the past few years in this community has shown me the importance of mentorship in any occupation...Having access to education and information taught by experts in their field is an invaluable resource. The workshops and mentorship opportunities that The Civic would provide would be amazingly useful to any aspiring filmmakers in the area, and also provide an opportunity for professionals to connect with future colleagues.

The KSBI meetups have played a large part in connecting the filmmaking community in the Kootenay Columbia region. I'm hopeful that the expansion of this program will help ignite the fire of the filmmaking community that exists in this area. There's so much local talent here, and with the help of KSBI we can bring that together to create something truly special.

~Tucker Anderson, Freelance Filmmaker, Tucker K Anderson Films

I am writing to express my support for the Civic Theatre's proposal for their Kootenay Screen-Based Industry Momentum Masterclass Workshop Series. In their last series, I enrolled in a Masterclass on lighting and sound, taught by an industry professional with many years of experience. Besides learning technical skills I made some really great connections which led directly to me finding work.

Living in a rural area has huge challenges for anyone wanting to work in the screen based industry, one of them being a lack of resources to further careers. Another Masterclass series here would be a great benefit to the filmmaking community and would help me grow my skills and make more connections in the industry.

~Carlo Alcos



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February 20, 2024

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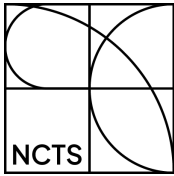
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Nelson Civic Theatre Society

719 Vernon Street

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February 20, 2024

Dear Mayor and Council,

On behalf of the Nelson Civic Theatre Society (NCTS), I am pleased to submit our request to The City of Nelson in support of our **economic project *Supporting the Kootenay Screen-Based Industry (KSBI)***. This project is based in Nelson but has regional impact, so we are also making requests to the other communities in our area.

This funding will be used to support the continuation of the KSBI program this year. When we begin this program through support from the BC Rural Dividend Fund, we expected fully that the conversion of The Civic Theatre into a three-screen venue would have been completed within 2-3 years, and that the income derived from that new model would support this role. As the renovation project has continued to be delayed, we are not yet in a position to support the staffing needs of this program through earned income, as planned. Accordingly, this funding request is critical to the continuation of the KSBI program, which, in addition to stewarding many initiatives for KSBI workers in our region, is now a key driver and complementary feature to the Kootenay Regional Film Commission, a joint program of NCTS and Kootenay Rockies Tourism Association. Without the KSBI Regional Program Manager specifically, it would be very challenging for NCTS to continue this exciting and growing economic initiative.

This project supports Nelson's Path to 2040 through the following focus areas:

Arts, Culture and Heritage

ACH1: Promote artistic and cultural expression and celebration in the community to help support a vibrant centre and identity.

ACH2: Preserve and celebrate the authenticity and heritage of our community.

ACH3: Engage the creative energy of the community in strengthening a cultural vision for Nelson.

ACH4: Integrate the Arts, Culture and Heritage sector with others to enrich and build a stronger community.

Outcome: The KSBI Regional Program Manager and Events and Communications Coordinator cultivate relationships with screen-based industry (SBI) workers and companies in our region, managing our social media content and outreach, organizing and facilitating meetups, and continuing to gather feedback from the community on how to better serve SBI interests in the

region, leading to more locally-generated film, video and divergent media projects, and better exchange between people, companies, and communities.

Energy and Climate Change

ECC2: Promote and support activities and infrastructure, such as buildings and transportation, which reduce energy consumption, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and are carbon-neutral.

Outcome: The KSBI supports local sharing of gear, venues, and services, reducing the need to source and bring these items from outside of the region or travel elsewhere to complete projects. Our nascent gear rental program will improve this effect further, by making technical equipment available to local filmmakers. As a result, transportation and travel costs to complete projects can be substantially reduced. Networking through the KSBI Facebook group and in-person meetups facilitates new professional connections, increasing the opportunities to collaborate with or employ people who are in our area on aspects of projects that would otherwise need to be sourced elsewhere.

Healthy Living and Social Wellbeing

HLSW2: Foster an inclusive & respectful community where all citizens have opportunities for meaningful participation in social, cultural, economic and environmental aspects of the City.

HLSW4: Maximize opportunities for intergenerational connections, in particular as they support family development.

HLSW5: Sustain an attitude of openness and a culture of learning that adapts positively to change.

HLSW6: Support economic development activities that incorporate social justice considerations such as: affordable and acceptable childcare, housing and transportation; living wages; sufficient employment; and workplaces free of discrimination and harassment.

Outcome: There is substantial activity on our Facebook group and at our meetups, both of which are open to the public. Valuable and supportive exchanges between emerging and established SBI workers cultivate intergenerational learning and cross-pollination, resulting in more local projects engaging more local people in a variety of capacities. There is already ample evidence of this through many local projects forged out of new collaborations.

Local Economy

LE1: Proactively attract, retain, expand and foster businesses and investment in Nelson.

LE2: Foster and support entrepreneurial leadership in the community.

LE3: Maintain and further develop our diverse economy by identifying and supporting key sectors.

LE4: Focus economic development and stimulus where it contributes to community values, including a vibrant downtown and waterfront and meaningful employment opportunities that support healthy lifestyles.

Outcome: The KSBI Program is contributing substantially to the development of the local film sector - this can be seen by the exchanges on the Facebook group, the number of new members that join on a steady basis, the many collaborations between film professionals and other artists, and the engagement at meetups and within workshops, masterclasses, and mentorship programs. Our hand in supporting the Kootenay Regional Film Commission cannot be understated - the entire purpose of the commission is centred around bringing film projects to our region to make significant economic impacts. It is already beginning to see outcomes, with the first major commercial feature completed in 2022 in Fernie, and many inquiries and considerations for films in communities across the region underway on an ongoing basis.

Our project also aligns with CBT's strategic priorities in Arts, Culture and Heritage, Community Priorities, Economic Development and Non-Profit Support.

Thank you so much for your thoughtful consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eleanor Stacey', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Eleanor Stacey
Executive Director

Organization **Castlegar Nordic Ski Club**

Registration # S26819

P.O. Box 3213, Castlegar BC V1N 3H5

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Improve access to Community Youth Ski Programs**

Project will be located in: City of Castlegar

All of our Community Youth Ski Programs take place at the Castlegar Nordic Ski Trails, on Highway 3A, 30km west of Castlegar. All of our project activities involving the ski gear will take place here.

The purchased ski equipment will be stored in a designated equipment shed at the Castlegar Nordic Ski Trails, which will provide a secure and dry on-site location for the equipment to be easily available for program use during the winter and properly stored and maintained during the off-season.

Importance to the community:

This project will benefit families, schools and education groups from communities in the West Kootenay and Boundary regions, including Castlegar, Robson, Gennelle, the Slocan Valley, and Christina Lake.

Providing accessible and affordable opportunities to healthy and social winter activity is a fundamental service for youth, especially in rural communities where there are less such opportunities available and more families with financial restrictions. Cross country skiing is an activity which is accessible to people of all abilities, ages and demographics. Its health benefits and connection to environment are undisputed. Furthermore this program aligns with the BC Ministry of Education's Physical Activity Goals to introduce kids to new sports and give access to outdoor classroom time.

By providing access to ski equipment this will allow these beneficial services to be widely available to all demographics ages and abilities for youth in all participating regional communities.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/20/2024 Project End: 3/15/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
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\$0.00				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$4,000.00			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			

Project: Improve access to Community Youth Ski Programs

			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$4,000.00
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Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$4,000.00	\$7,986.97	\$7,986.97

1. The project will provide:

Our Community Youth Ski Programs (CYSP) provide the following services:

- We offer weekly family-oriented ski classes from December to March to an average of 30-40 youth, ages 4-14, annually.
- We offer school ski programs to all District schools and independent outdoor education groups in the region. We provide 1-3 program days annually to each of five current participating schools/education groups, reaching more than 150 youth, annually.

The Goal of our programs is to provide affordable programming for local families and youth to engage in healthy, social outdoor activities during the winter.

The Castlegar Nordic Ski Club will purchase a fleet of 20 sets of youth ski gear to improve accessibility for our CYSP.

The short term impacts of this project will be a significant improvement to the accessibility of our ongoing youth programs to reach more youth in the Castlegar and Surrounding communities starting immediately in December 2024.

By acquiring 20 sets of Youth Ski gear, up to this many disenfranchised families and youth will be able to participate in our 2024/2025 programs, and we will be able to open the program to more grades among participating school, new schools and new education groups.

2. Organization Mandate:

We create a unique winter recreation opportunity that is safe, enjoyable, affordable, accessible and family-oriented through programs and a network of well maintained and diverse trails where our users can engage in healthy outdoor activity, connect with nature and their community.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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Project: Improve access to Community Youth Ski Programs

By providing access to ski equipment this will allow these beneficial services to be widely available to all demographics ages and abilities for youth in all participating regional communities.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Our Ski Club lacks the ski gear that would enable accessible participation in our Community Youth Ski Programs. This results in an access barrier for education groups, schools and families. Cross-country skiing is a healthy and accessible winter activity for kids of all ages, but access to ski equipment has been identified as the biggest barrier to participation over 5 years of offering our CYSP.

On average, five interested families and three education groups, annually request to participate and are unable to because of this barrier. This has been the case for the middle school and high classes at Stanley Humphries and Brent Kennedy as well as some families who are new arrivals to Castlegar Canada and are looking to better integrate with the community and experience the natural surroundings. Castlegar, a statistically lower-income community in BC, may compound this issue for families without ski gear.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

The Castlegar Nordic Ski Club CYSP provides healthy, social winter activities to over 200 youth, annually from 3-5 schools and education groups and many local families for 5 continuous years. A program priority is to offer affordable and accessible programming for all demographics

In 2022 we successfully increased the scope and length of our CYSP offerings to include shoulder season programs for youth and a wider age range of youth activities include fall training, roller skiing and introduction to competitive sport opportunities.

We are proud to have received the Community Sport Development Program grant from Viasport in 2024, which funded the training and certification of 3 women to begin coaching to provide female role models for the youth participating in our programs. We now have a dedicated team of three staff and two volunteer coaches, including a Head Coach and Program Coordinator overseeing the planning and delivery of the CYSPs.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Two of our club staff and one club executive will be involved in the implementation of the project.

Head Coach, Rolf Hartman and Program Coordinator/ General Manger, Simon Cretien will be responsible to research the equipment and provide an equipment list that fulfills the identified needs of the program, carry out the purchase and acquisition of the ski equipment, as well as its secure storage, maintenance and allocated use in the CYSP.

Club Treasurer and CYSP Supervisor, Jim Guido will oversee, approve and assist in, the aforementioned tasks from a volunteer Executive Member position.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Gericks Cycle and Ski, discount on ski gear - Value of \$1648.50

Materials for the construction of shelving in the storage facility donated by volunteers and board members

Project: Improve access to Community Youth Ski Programs

Volunteer labour for construction of shelving in the storage facility overseen by board member, Jim Guido

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Simon Cretien <cncs.office@gmail.com>

Gerick Cycle and Ski Quote #272423

Gerick Cycle and Ski <noreply@lightspeedhq.com>
 Reply-To: Gerick Cycle and Ski <info@gericks.com>
 To: Castlegar Nordic <cncs.office@gmail.com>

Fri, Feb 16, 2024 at 4:01 PM



702 Baker Street
 GST# 885393280
 Nelson, British Columbia, V1L 4J6
 Canada
 250 354 4622

Quote

16/02/2024 4:00 pm

Quote #: 3290
 Ticket: 220000272423
 Register: Sales Counter Register
 Employee: Charles
 Customer: Castlegar Nordic

Item	#	Price
XC Ski Set Jr Rossignol XT Venture WL 140 cm - SS Step-In	3	\$427.50
XC Ski Set Jr Rossignol XT Venture WL 130 cm - SS Step-In	3	\$427.50
XC Ski Set Jr Rossignol XT Venture WL 120 cm - SS Step-In	3	\$427.50
XC Ski Set Jr Rossignol XT Venture WL 110 cm - SS Step-In	3	\$427.50
XC Ski Set Jr Rossignol XT Venture WL 170 cm - LS Step-In	3	\$427.50
XC Ski Set Jr Rossignol XT Venture WL 160 cm - LS Step-In	3	\$427.50
XC Ski Set Jr Rossignol XT Venture WL 150 cm - LS Step-In	3	\$427.50
XC Boots Jr Rossignol X-1 34 - Classic	3	\$288.00
XC Boots Jr Rossignol X-1 33 - Classic	3	\$288.00
XC Boots Jr Rossignol X-1 32 - Classic	3	\$288.00
XC Boots Jr Rossignol X-1 38 - Classic	3	\$288.00
XC Boots Jr Rossignol X-1 37 - Classic	3	\$288.00
XC Boots Jr Rossignol X-1 35 - Classic	3	\$288.00
XC Boots Jr Rossignol X-1 31 - Classic	3	\$288.00
XC Poles Swix Focus Nordic - 130 cm	21	\$588.00
	Subtotal	\$7245.00
	Discounts	-\$1648.50

GST (\$3580.50 @ 5%)	\$179.03
PST (\$3580.50 @ 7%)	\$250.64
GST (\$2016.00 @ 5%)	\$100.80
Total Tax	\$530.47
Total	\$6126.97

RETURN POLICY

Up to 7 days from purchase refund is available
7-14 days credit or exchange
No returns after 14 days
Items must be in new condition & original packaging.
All sales final on clearance items

Thank You Castlegar Nordic !





February 6, 2024

To whom it may concern,

My name is Sarah and I am a Nature Mentor with Roots to Sky Forest School. Roots to Sky is a multi-aged fully outdoor program that meets two times per week. Our two locations are around the Taghum area. The program runs with two full-time facilitators with around 15-20 students. Roots to Sky is a non-profit society that relies on fundraising, grants and voluntary family contributions. Our program strives to provide meaningful outdoor learning opportunities to families and children. This year we contacted the Castlegar Nordic Ski Club to inquire if cross-country skiing could be an opportunity for our students. Our students aged 5-13 would have needed the appropriate ski equipment to make this possible. However, the Nordic Ski Club did not have sufficient gear for our students. It would be beneficial for the Castlegar Nordic Ski Club to be able to offer ski equipment to groups such as ours to make cross-country skiing accessible to a wider group of students and families. If gear was available Roots to Sky Forest School would be interested in having ski sessions with the Castlegar Nordic Ski Club multiple times throughout the winter. In the future, we hope the Castlegar Nordic Ski Club acquires sufficient funds for equipment to allow cross-country skiing to become more accessible.

Sincerely,

Sarah Taranoff (Nature Mentor Roots to Sky Forest School)



KINNAIRD ELEMENTARY

Kinnaird Elementary
2273 10 Ave, Castlegar, BC
V1N 2Z8

Simon Cretien
CNSC Manager, Coach, Program Coordinator
cnscc.office@gmail.com

Dear Simon Cretien,

We, Karyn Musclow and Katie Doyle, third-grade educators at Kinnaird Elementary, are thrilled to express our full support for the CBT ReDi grant proposal. This initiative aims to enhance youth ski equipment accessibility through your esteemed club. We firmly believe that offering ski gear of varying sizes will substantially improve access to skiing programs for local families and greatly benefit our school community.

The opportunity to acquire additional youth ski equipment of various sizes fills us with excitement, as it broadens the scope for a wider range of classes from our school to engage in skiing programs. Presently, our inventory allows for one grade 3 class (approximately 25 children) to participate in the program at a given time. With improved access to ski gear, an additional two other grade 3 classes (50 students) would eagerly participate in these enriching activities. This enhancement will broaden our students' exposure to outdoor activities and enable our grade 3 students to fully engage in a comprehensive cross-country ski day at the Castlegar Nordic Ski Club. Additionally, interest has been expressed by other grades in our school to utilize the cross-country equipment, further underscoring the value of this initiative.

As educators, we have firsthand experience of the positive impact skiing programs have on our students. Skiing not only promotes physical fitness and outdoor engagement, but also instills valuable life skills such as perseverance, teamwork, and resilience. Our students thoroughly relish the skiing experiences provided by your club, and we have observed remarkable improvements in their confidence levels and overall well-being as a direct result of their participation.

We extend our sincere gratitude for your dedication to expanding access to skiing programs and for considering the needs of our school in your grant proposal. We firmly believe that investing in youth skiing initiatives will not only enrich the lives of our students but also strengthen community bonds. We eagerly anticipate the positive outcomes that this partnership will bring and look forward to continuing our collaboration with your club.

Warm regards,

Karyn Musclow and Katie Doyle

Third Grade Educators - Kinnaird Elementary School

Earth Connections Forest School SD47

Earth Connections Society
815 Tenth St
Nelson, BC
V1L 3C6
Phone: (250) 777-3624

Island Discovery Learning Community SD47
2095 Cape Dr.
Bowen Island, BC
V0N 1G2
Phone: (604) 947-0700

Feb 7, 2024

Letter of Support for CBT ReDi Grant Application

To whom it may concern,

I am one of four teachers who run forest school programs for homeschooled students in the Nelson/Castlegar area. I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the CBT ReDi grant application, which aims to secure funding for youth ski equipment for educational groups like ours. Your initiative to enhance access to such programs aligns perfectly with our commitment to providing enriching experiences for our students.

Our school program happens twice a week at the Playmor Junction, serving over 40 families and 40 students. Participating in the Castlegar Nordic Ski Club programs not only adds a dynamic outdoor dimension to our educational offerings but also fosters teamwork, physical activity, and a love for winter sports among our students.

The acquisition of youth ski equipment through your grant would significantly contribute to making our program more accessible and enjoyable. It would not only simplify logistical aspects but also enable more kids to participate, expanding the reach and impact of the nordic ski programs.

We are excited about the prospect of smoother and more accessible ski visits for our school and other similar groups in the upcoming year. Your support will undoubtedly enhance the quality of our outdoor education initiatives, providing lasting benefits to the students involved.

Thank you for considering this letter of support, and we look forward to the positive impact your grant could have on our school community.

Sincerely,

Taiowa Williams

PIE - Island Discovery

SD47 - Powell River

"Honoring and acknowledging the Sinixt - Past, Present and Future" Lim Limpt (Sinixt for Thank you)

Organization **Castlegar Pentecostal New Life Assembly**

Registration # 107833311 RP 0001

602 7th Street, Castlegar British Columbia V1N 3J6

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Grand Piano Rebuild**

Project will be located in: City of Castlegar

The piano rebuild will happen in Calgary Alberta at the Hafermehl Piano Services Shop.

Importance to the community:

The grand piano is a connection point and brings the community together. Many groups gather and enjoy the piano such as the Twin Rivers Choir, The Community Carol Sing, memorial/funeral services, the free Christmas Memorial Service, local piano teacher's lessons and students who use it for recitals and Conservatory Canada piano examinations. It's the largest grand piano in the area available in a public venue capable of hosting events. The church rarely charges venue fees to these various groups, so this fact makes the piano and venue incredibly accessible and valuable to the surrounding community.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/3/2024 Project End: 10/21/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$12,251.00			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$12,251.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$12,251.00	\$20,611.00	\$20,611.00

1. The project will provide:

The grand piano located within New Life Church is highly utilised, yet in a state of disrepair. The strings, hammers and mechanical aspects of a grand piano are much like tires on a car, and wear out over time, which affects the sound and quality. These parts typically need to be replaced at regular intervals every 5 years or so, and this piano has entirely original parts from 1976. We will hire a professional piano restoration technician to rebuild the piano strings, hammers and bring the piano back to its full potential.

2. Organization Mandate:

N/A - we are not sponsoring an unregistered organization.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

The grand piano is a connection point and brings the community together. Many groups gather and enjoy the piano such as the Twin Rivers Choir, The Community Carol Sing, memorial/funeral services, the free Christmas Memorial Service, local piano teacher's lessons and students who use it for recitals and Conservatory Canada piano examinations. It's the largest grand piano in the area available in a public venue capable of hosting events. The church rarely charges venue fees to these various groups, so this fact makes the piano and venue incredibly accessible and valuable to the surrounding community.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The main issue is the state of disrepair this grand piano is in, it's a very high quality piano (worth over \$100k brand new) but the sound quality has greatly deteriorated for example the piano was appraised recently and the appraiser noted the strings are "completely dead". The opportunity here is that the piano is an important focal point of community connection, culture, and many various groups who are able to gather in this venue. In it's heydey this piano was described as the "ferrari" model, but now it is at "jalopy" level. Should we restore it, it would open up new opportunities for concert level events and more for generations to come.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

Our building is used for many community groups and events, and the grand piano is here to be used and enjoyed by Castlegar and surrounding areas. Tammy has over 30 years experience as a piano teacher and passion for music and knows the importance this piano has on the community, so she is an excellent person to get this project done. She has a deep understanding of the technical needs involved in rebuilding a grand piano. We have successfully completed past projects (stoves replacement in 2023) as well have been actively fundraising to support the piano rebuild and gathered many letters of support from the community, which are included in this application.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Tammy Francis will coordinate and oversee the piano rebuild and ensure the quality of work and facilitate all steps required to get the job done. James Movers of Victoria BC will be hired to move the piano to the shop in Calgary. Hafermehl Piano Services has already been hired to perform the piano rebuild in Calgary, Alberta. Ultimately we got 5 different experts to evaluate the project and provide quotes, and we chose Hafermehl because of their reputation, quality workmanship, and fair quote.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes

Project: Grand Piano Rebuild

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

We already received a free assessment/appraisal of the piano by Hafermehl valued at around \$200. The moving company is helping us to reduce costs by including the piano move as part of a "regular run" instead of a separate trip. This is saving us around \$1500.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

James Movers Inc.
3272 Kenwood Pl
Victoria BC V9C 3H1
250-857-1136
info@jamesmovers.com
GST/HST Registration No.:
824359061RT0001

Estimate 1233



ADDRESS Tammy Francis	DATE 12/15/2023	TOTAL \$3,570.00	
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DATE	ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	TAX	AMOUNT
	Piano move To/from Alberta	2	1,700.00	GST	3,400.00
	Life Church in Castlegar, for moving C-7 Yamaha grand from Castlegar to Calgary to get refurbished by Hafermehl Piano Services.				
			SUBTOTAL		3,400.00
			GST @ 5%		170.00
			TOTAL		\$3,570.00

When your invoice is sent, you may pay the invoice online by clicking the green "pay invoice" button. Card, E-transfer or Check
For e-transfer, please include the invoice number in the memo, and send to info@jamesmovers.com
Invoices not paid over 30 days will have 5% added to the invoice every 15 days there after.

THANK YOU.

Accepted By

Accepted Date



★ **Full Rebuild**

We fully recommend this option because your piano is an excellent candidate for a full rebuild. You will be able to enjoy a high level of performance for many years to come. The average life expectancy of a full rebuild is 30 years.

Estimate Number	322
Expires On	Aug 30, 2024

Rebuilding Shop (Grand Piano)

	Subtotal	Taxes	Line Total
Replace all Strings and Tuning Pins 1 unit at \$6,500.00 each	\$6,500.00	\$325.00	\$6,825.00
Replace all Damper Felt 1 unit at \$1,950.00 each	\$1,950.00	\$97.50	\$2,047.50
Replace Key Bushings (front and balance rails) 1 unit at \$1,100.00 each	\$1,100.00	\$55.00	\$1,155.00
Overhaul of the Pedal Lyre 1 unit at \$400.00 each	\$400.00	\$20.00	\$420.00
Replace Hammers on new Shanks 1 unit at \$5,400.00 each This includes all action regulating and voicing.	\$5,400.00	\$270.00	\$5,670.00
Misc repairs/reconditioning 1 unit at \$880.00 each	\$880.00	\$44.00	\$924.00

Prepared For

New Life Church
602 7 St
Castlegar, BC V1N 1R6

Subtotal	\$16,230.00
Taxes	\$811.50
Estimated Total	\$17,041.50

Piano Information

1976 Yamaha Grand C7 (B 2273593), Sanctuary

To schedule these services, please call us at (587) 438-6023 or email us at service@hafermehl.com.

Technician Notes:

Dear Tammy,

Just following up on our discussion regarding your church piano rebuild.

We're excited to get started on bringing this gorgeous piano to its optimal performance level.

Timeline and Payments

10% by Jan 30 to lock in time on the shop schedule que.

30% by March 1 to order all the parts.

30% progress payment by June 30

30% balance by completion Aug 30

Please note that moving cost are additional and paid directly to the mover at the time of the moves.

We got a quote on your behalf from James moving in Victoria who makes monthly runs to Calgary.

The cost would be \$1700 each way if it can be coordinated on one of these runs.

Best regards,

Dr Kendall Hafermehl

Additional information available online:
<https://gzi.io/RDi44>

To Whom it May Concern,

As organizer of the Community Carol Sing, I heartily support the New Life Church and their application for a grant to help in their effort to raise money to rebuild their grand piano. The Community Carol Sing is an annual event held every December for over 25 years. For at least the last 12 years this event which is free to the public, has, through the generous support of the New Life Church, been able to hold this event in their facility and have use of the piano to provide accompaniment to the several choirs that participate as well as the audience who is given the opportunity to sing Christmas Carols.

In the past we have only asked the audience for donations to the Castlegar Food Bank, but this year we did ask for donations to the piano fund too. Through the generosity of the citizens of Castlegar we were able to donate some money towards the refurbishment of this valuable community resource.

Sincerely,
Bonnie Thompson

Twin Rivers Community Choir
3601 9th Ave Castlegar BC V1N 2Z6
January 29, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: CBT Grant Application by New Life Church for Piano Refurbishment Project Please accept this letter of support for the New Life Church grant request shown above, written on behalf of the Twin Rivers Community Choir (TRCC). As a grateful user of the sanctuary space at New Life Church for TRCC rehearsals, we do use the grand piano on occasion ourselves - and our group has participated in many musical events in which the grand piano played a key role.

New Life Church actively hosts events such as the Community Carol Sing at Christmas, which brings together choirs from all over Castlegar to share in the joy of singing together. Having this instrument available for professional use also allows groups who do not have their own accompanying instrument to participate in the wider events. In the Fall of 2023 when the need for fundraising became evident for the piano, the Twin Rivers Community Choir executive put forward an idea to create a hybrid Carol Sing event which allowed some of the donated proceeds to be put toward this worthy cause. Members of our executive team worked with Bonnie Thompson and Tammy Francis to carry out a very successful event with multiple choirs and musical groups. The funds raised clearly demonstrate the value that the instrument has to the musical community at large and we fully support the grant that New Life Church has requested to restore this instrument. If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Christina Allen, Artistic Director
250-304-8271
Chuck Cramm, Choir President
Jo-Anne Stoltz, Choir Past President/Director

Tammy Francis
B.Th., A.R.C.T. (Teacher & Performer), R.M.T., M.Y.C.C.
Telephone: 250.365.3695 // Cell: 250.608.2536 // Email: dtfrancis25@gmail.com
January 9, 2024

Regarding Columbia Basin Trust Grant for grand piano refurbishment

To Whom It May Concern: I wish to express my support for the project to refurbish the Yamaha grand piano at Castlegar New Life Church. I am a member of the Trail/Castlegar B.C.R.M.T.A. Branch, which is the Registered Music Teachers' Association for B.C. Not only do I have all my student recitals at the church on this piano, but many other teachers in the Castlegar area have had their recitals there as well and hope to continue to do so. The grand piano at the church is the only facility in Castlegar with a grand piano of that quality in a large enough venue where recitals can be held. Not only is it used for recitals, but Conservatory Canada uses the piano to conduct their piano exams on for this entire area. In the past, there have been students coming from as far away as Kelowna or Kamloops to do their exams on the piano. The grand piano has been well used over the years and is now 47 years old. Due to its age, it needs serious repair and new parts which will allow it to be used for many more decades in Castlegar as a location for piano recitals and examinations. Without this piano in Castlegar, students will have to travel out of Castlegar for these events. Aside from the use above, the piano is also used by other organizations such as the Twin Rivers Choir, the Community Memorial Service, and the Community Carol Sing. For the Community Memorial Service, and the Community Carol Sing, these events are attended by an audience that would not fit into any other venue in Castlegar that has a grand piano to use. Thank you for your support of our community through the CBT grants, and I hope that you will consider supporting the piano refurbishment.

Sincerely, Tammy Francis

January 19, 2024

Dear Columbia Basin Trust Grant, and other granting organizations,

I understand that the Castlegar New Life Church in Castlegar, BC is currently undertaking fundraising efforts to raise money to have their Yamaha C7 grand piano restored. This is a high quality musical instrument that requires significant regular maintenance, which is now due to ensure that it continues to meet the musical needs of the many organizations that benefit from its existence.

Conservatory Canada has been holding music exams for student learners at this venue, using this piano for well over a decade. I personally have played on this piano and understand the scope of the work that has been described and quoted by the piano technician. Without this work, at some point soon we would not be able to provide the high quality assessments that we offer at this venue, or perhaps even in this community. The restoration work will go a long way to ensuring that the instrument remains useful and so that the piano can live to its full potential for decades to come. Conservatory Canada looks forward to the benefits of this work as we continue to hold in person exams in Castlegar and for the benefit of those in surrounding communities that also attend these exams. Feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss further.

Sincerely,

Derek Oger, Executive Director
1 (807) 355-3423



16-1124 Gainsborough Road | London, ON N6H 5N1
P: 519.433.3147 | TF: 800.461.5367 | W: www.conservatorycanada.ca

Organization **Kootenay Christian Fellowship / Our Daily Bread**

Registration # 889369906RR0001

520 Falls Street Nelson, NelsonBC BC V1L 6B5

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Our Daily Bread Food Security Program**

Project will be located in: City of Nelson

The Food Security Program will take place at the Nelson location of Our Daily Bread on Falls Street. Members of our community will be invited to pick up non perishables/ frozen foods and non perishables including diapers and infant foods on Thursdays 10-11:30am.

Importance to the community:

ODB's Food Security program will play a critical role in promoting food security, reducing hunger, and fostering community well-being by providing essential food assistance to those in need and mobilizing resources and support to address underlying issues of poverty and inequality. Residents of Nelson will benefit from the project including children and youth, low income individuals, seniors, people living with disabilities, Indigenous peoples and residents from other rural and isolated communities. Nelson is a core city and quite often, we have residents outside of Nelson from Trail, Kaslo, Nakusp, Balfour, Slovan Valley and other areas across the Basin to access services. This project is important to our community because it will address the current gap and shortage in food security programs on the weekends by providing additional resources to those in need.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/20/2024 Project End: 5/20/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			\$500.00	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$500.00	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$500.00		\$7,000.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slovan			
	\$250.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$10,000.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
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Project: Our Daily Bread Food Security Program

\$10,000.00	\$24,810.00	\$24,810.00
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1. The project will provide:

Our Daily Bread will create a community-based program that will help to address food insecurity in Nelson, BC. Our Daily Bread plans to pilot a food security program to provide food resources such as meals, groceries and frozen food packages to individuals and communities who are facing hunger and food insecurity. The project will forge partnerships with local grocery stores, farms and food suppliers to secure donations or discounts on food items. We will collaborate with other nonprofit organizations, churches, and community centers to leverage resources and reach more people in need. Our Daily Bread will use our existing location to create the food security program and train volunteers to assist with food storage, handling and safety regulations. We will recruit volunteers from the community to help with food collection, sorting, packaging, and distribution. This project will set up systems for collecting donated food items from partners and ensure their proper storage and handling. We will work with community partners to establish regular distribution days or times when community members can access the food program (tentatively Thursdays 10-11:30am). There is a food resource shortage in Nelson and area and this pilot program will help to alleviate hunger and food scarcity by providing nonperishables to our vulnerable community members in our current economy.

2. Organization Mandate:

Our Daily Bread in Nelson, BC is a community organization that focuses on providing meals and support services to those in need. Our Daily Bread aims to address issues related to food insecurity, poverty, and homelessness within our community. We strive to provide immediate relief to those in need and contribute to long term solutions that promote equity, justice, and well-being for all members of our community.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

ODB's Food Security program will play a critical role in promoting food security, reducing hunger, and fostering community well-being by providing essential food assistance to those in need and mobilizing resources and support to address underlying issues of poverty and inequality. Residents of Nelson will benefit from the project including children and youth, low income individuals, seniors, people living with disabilities, Indigenous peoples and residents from other rural and isolated communities. Nelson is a core city and quite often, we have residents outside of Nelson from Trail, Kaslo, Nakusp, Balfour, Slocan Valley and other areas across the Basin to access services. This project is important to our community because it will address the current gap and shortage in food security programs on the weekends by providing additional resources to those in need.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Our Daily Bread is Nelson's only hot meal program. We have been serving members of our community for 22 years. Five days per week, ODB offers a hot nutritious meal, social space and resource connections to provide immediate relief to those facing food insecurity and homelessness. Since covid-19, numbers of people requiring food, shelter and clothing are increasing and the demand for food is expected to increase by 60% by 2050. Most of our clients are young adults and seniors who cannot keep up with the rates of inflation and increasing cost of living. According to the 2022 Nelson Committee on Homelessness report, Nelson has the 2nd highest rate of homelessness in British Columbia's Interior and this is an undercount. This means that for every 1,000 people in Nelson, a minimum of 8 people are confirmed to be experiencing homelessness.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

Our Daily Bread has been serving this community since 2002. The organization has previous experience in addressing food insecurity and serving vulnerable populations in our community. We have an existing building to deliver this type of program along with the community networks and partnerships that can be leveraged to launch

Project: Our Daily Bread Food Security Program

and sustain a food security program effectively. Being rooted in the Nelson community, Our Daily Bread has a deep knowledge of local needs, resources, and community services. This local knowledge can inform the development and delivery of the pilot food security program and tailor the program to suit community needs, Our Daily Bread has established trust and credibility among community members, volunteers, donors, and partners through our previous work in the community. This is instrumental in building support for the food security program and attracting volunteers and donors.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

A project manager will oversee the implementation process, supported by Our Daily Bread staff members and volunteers who will be responsible for various tasks such as project coordination, volunteer coordination, outreach, and program evaluation. The involvement of community members is crucial for the success of the pilot project. This includes individuals and families who will benefit from these services, as well as local residents who may volunteer their time, donate food items, or provide support in other ways.

8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Food Donations, Volunteer support, Food Storage Space, Transportation Services picking up food from donors, fuel cost and professional services.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Priority Health Equity
Indicators for British Columbia:

Household Food Insecurity

Update Report | October 2023



BC Centre for Disease Control
Provincial Health Services Authority

The British Columbia Centre for Disease Control provides services to communities across British Columbia, on the territories of many distinct First Nations. We are grateful to all the First Nations who have cared for and nurtured the lands and waters around us for all time, including the x^wməθk^wəy'əmə (Musqueam), Skwx_wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation), and səl'ílwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation) on whose unceded and ancestral territory our head office is located.

Prepared for the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC)

Geoff McKee, Medical Director, Population & Public Health, BCCDC, Provincial Health Services Authority

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Executive Summary

Introduction

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Review of Evidence on Household Food Insecurity

The negative impacts of food insecurity on people's physical and social wellbeing have been well documented. Systematic reviews and meta-analyses further demonstrate the associations between food insecurity and adverse health and wellbeing outcomes in child, youth, adult and senior populations. Children who live in food insecure households have increased likelihood of various adverse physical health, development, social and academic outcomes. Among adults and seniors, household food insecurity is linked with poorer dietary intake, diabetes management, cognitive health and mental health outcomes.

Household food insecurity is primarily an income-based issue that requires income-based solutions. Household income is a robust predictor of food insecurity in Canada and is tightly linked to other forms of material deprivation, as illustrated by data from several socioeconomic indicators, such as income source, housing/homeownership and employment. Sociodemographic factors, such as place of residence, education, employment status, Indigenous identity, race/cultural group, immigration status and household composition, are also tightly linked to household food insecurity prevalence and severity, as well as poverty. People with these social identities disproportionately experience food insecurity and poverty due to structural factors such as racist and colonial policies, practices and norms that have restricted access to opportunity and upward mobility; thus addressing food insecurity requires addressing the structural drivers of health and its determinants. Evidence for the relationship between household food insecurity and health provides a compelling case for interventions that improve household incomes and economic security.

Indigenous Context and Data

Understanding key challenges around food insecurity among Indigenous Peoples requires centering Indigenous contexts and lived experiences. While the analyses in this report do not include data on household food insecurity among Indigenous Peoples, the report provides historical and current context and complexities of food security and food insecurity among Indigenous Peoples, shares available data, acknowledges the importance of broader, more holistic approaches in Indigenous contexts, and identifies the need for further work to find respectful ways to include Indigenous data and ensure interventions and policies address the needs of those experiencing the highest rates of food insecurity.

Methods

The prevalence of household food insecurity in BC was assessed using data from the 2017-2018 Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS), a cross-sectional survey administered by Statistics Canada. The relationships between household food insecurity and various economic and sociodemographic factors were examined using bivariate analyses.

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Miss meals, reduce food intake, and at the most extreme go day(s) without food

Key Findings

- In 2017-2018, 1 in 8 (12.5%) people 12 years of age and over in British Columbia lived in households that experienced some level of household food insecurity during the previous 12 months.
 - ◆ 2.8% of people lived in households classified as severely food insecure.
- The rate of household food insecurity varied within the province, from 10.4% in the Vancouver Coastal Health region to 16.6% in the Northern Health region.
- Household food insecurity rates in BC differ depending on different economic and sociodemographic characteristics.
 - ◆ Household food insecurity was most prevalent among people in households who were in the lowest quintile of income distribution at 26.9%, including 8.1% reporting severe food insecurity, compared to 3.5% in the highest quintile for income.
 - ◆ Among people living in food insecure households, more than three quarters (75.7%) reported their main sources of income were wages, salaries or self-employment.
 - ◆ People whose main source of household income is from social assistance had the highest rate of household food insecurity (57.9%), including 32.3% experiencing severe food insecurity.
 - ◆ Renters in BC experienced disproportionately high rates of household food insecurity (23.7%) compared to those who reported owning their home (7.9%).
- Household food insecurity is associated with adverse mental health outcomes in BC.
 - ◆ Compared to people living in food secure households, those living in food insecure households reported lower rates of positive perceived mental health (93.0% vs 79.1%).

Supplement: COVID-19 and concern for food security in BC

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused unprecedented changes to social and economic life, including job losses and reduced work hours, which have resulted in financial hardship. The BC COVID-19 Survey on Population Experiences, Action and Knowledge (SPEAK) collected information about BC residents' experiences and measure impacts on social, economic, physical and mental wellness during the COVID-19 pandemic, including concern for food security, or worry that food would run out before having money to buy more. Data from this survey show that concern for food security in BC in April/May 2021 was most prevalent among populations that faced inequities stemming from structural drivers of health and wellbeing prior to the pandemic.

- People living in remote communities reported the highest rate of concern for food security (16.9%).
- People who identified as Black had one of the highest rates of concern for food security (19.9%), compared to those who identified as white, who had the lowest rate (10.0%).
- Almost half (47.4%) of people with no legal immigration status or who are refugee claimants were worried that food would run out before they had money to buy more, followed by almost one third of those who are on work or study permits (32.3%).
- Single parents living with children aged under 18 (22.5%) and unattached people living with others (27.4%) reported higher rates of concern for food security compared to parents living with a spouse/partner and children (11.3%), people living with a spouse/partner (8.5%), and unattached people living alone (15%).
- Concern for food security was most prevalent among those aged 18-34 and 35-49 (18.4% and 14.0%), and rates decreased with increasing age, with those in the age groups 65-79 and 80 and over having the lowest rates of food insecurity (5.7% and 4.1%).
- 19.6% of people who did not complete high school and 14.8% of people for whom high school was the highest level of formal education completed reported concern for food security.
- Prevalence of concern for food security was highest among people reporting the lowest annual household incomes; 40.7% of those reporting annual household incomes less than \$20,000/year and 22.9% of those reporting household incomes between \$20,000-59,000/year worried that food would run out before they had money to buy more.
- People who experienced an employment change during the pandemic had higher rates of concern for food security compared to the overall rate in BC. Nearly a third (30.4%) of those who were reported being out of work for 7 months or longer reported concern for food security.

Discussion

When considered alongside other evidence on household food insecurity in Canada, our findings support conclusions made elsewhere that dominant responses to food insecurity, such as charitable food responses, do not address the structural drivers nor the symptoms and outcomes of the issue. It is broadly recognized that reducing household food insecurity at a population level requires policies that improve household incomes. Research is needed to examine the impact of income supports on household food insecurity, and ultimately, health, including relief measures that were implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic. The data reported here also highlight the need for accessible, consistent data on household food insecurity to monitor the extent of the issue and to evaluate health and social policy responses. There is also a need to better understand challenges around food security among Indigenous Peoples to inform policies and programs that centre Indigenous contexts and lived experiences.

Conclusion

This report is an update to the August 2016 *Priority health equity indicators for BC: Household food insecurity indicator report*. It includes household food insecurity data specific to the COVID-19 pandemic and is part of BCCDC's commitment to ongoing monitoring and surveillance of household food insecurity. The data demonstrates that household food insecurity continues to disproportionately affect people and households that are marginalized due to social, economic, geographic and structural inequities.

This report is intended to increase understanding of the drivers of household food insecurity and inform policy solutions that address the intersecting inequities at the root of household food insecurity.

Introduction

Context for this report

Using the work of Davis and Tarasuk, Health Canada defines household food insecurity (HFI) as “the inability to acquire or consume an adequate diet quality or a sufficient quantity of food in socially acceptable ways or the uncertainty that one will be able to do so”, which is most often the result of inadequate income (1). PROOF defines household food insecurity as “the inadequate or insecure access to food due to financial constraints” (2). Simply put, household food insecurity is when a household worries about or lacks the financial means to buy nutritious, safe, personally acceptable foods, and it is driven by multiple exacerbating factors (3).

Food insecurity is a significant public health issue in British Columbia (BC). The BC Ministry of Health identified food security as one of its core public health programs in 2006, and monitoring food insecurity is a priority for the BC regional health authorities and the Population and Public Health (PPH) program at the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC), a part of the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA). The PPH program at BCCDC has developed a conceptual framework - the *Conceptual Framework for Food Security Indicators* - which articulates evidence-based indicators to monitor intersectoral action on food security and its determinants. Household food insecurity is one of 13 possible new indicator areas identified by the BC health authorities in the first phase of a process to prioritize indicators to monitor food security in BC. Household food insecurity is also one of the 52 indicators included in the suite of indicators developed by the PHSA to monitor health equity (4).

This report focuses on household food insecurity, which considers the economic and financial dimensions of food insecurity and is distinct from the broader issue of food insecurity as it does not look at other factors which impact food insecurity as articulated in the BC Food Security Definitions (see Box 1) (5). As such, this report on household food insecurity should be interpreted alongside the monitoring and surveillance of other food insecurity indicators.

Box 1

Household food insecurity refers to the inadequate or insecure access to food due to financial constraints.

Food insecurity exists when factors outside an individual's control negatively impact their access to enough foods that promote wellbeing. Economic, social, environmental and geographical factors influence this access. Food insecurity is most acutely felt by those who experience the negative impacts of structural inequities¹, such as discrimination and on-going colonial practices.

Food security means that everyone has equitable access to food that is affordable, culturally preferable, nutritious and safe; everyone has the agency to participate in, and influence food systems; and that food systems are resilient, ecologically sustainable, socially just, and honour Indigenous food sovereignty.

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¹ Structural inequities: Unfair and unjust systemic biases present in institutional policies and day-to-day practices that disadvantage certain social identities over others based on race, gender, class, sexual orientation and other domains

Review of Evidence on Household Food Insecurity

Household food insecurity is a serious public health issue in Canada. This section provides evidence on the impacts of food insecurity on health, then describes the circumstances that create household food insecurity and evidence-based interventions.

The impact of household food insecurity on diet and health

The negative impacts of food insecurity on people's physical and social wellbeing are well documented in previous reports (3). This section highlights findings from systematic reviews and meta-analyses² on the known impacts of household food insecurity on health and wellbeing.

Household food insecurity in children and youth

- There is evidence for increased likelihood of having some birth defects, anemia, lower nutrient intake, asthma, and poorer general health and hospitalization among children who are food insecure versus those who are food secure (6). Children under five years old living in food insecure households are also more likely to experience developmental delays, poorer cognitive outcomes in vocabulary and math, and challenging behavior (7).

Household food insecurity in adults and seniors

- Food insecurity is inversely associated with adult dietary quality, particularly for intakes of vegetables, fruits and dairy products. There is more evidence for the impact of food insecurity on the dietary intake of women than for men (8,9).
- While there is some evidence indicating an association between household food insecurity and diabetes control and management, the significant heterogeneity among studies limits the strength of the association (10,11).
- There is some evidence that household food insecurity in early and later life is associated with poorer global cognitive function in middle age and in older adults (12).
- There is strong evidence for an association between household food insecurity and an increased likelihood of depression, anxiety, stress and sleep disorders (13,14).

² Systematic reviews use replicable methods to identify and synthesize all possible studies on a given topic, and in some cases, critically appraise the strength of the studies included in the review. A meta-analysis is a type of systematic review where the quantitative results from several studies are combined and summarized to create a pooled estimate of an effect. Systematic reviews and meta-analyses are considered 'gold standards' among research methods because they draw conclusions from the overall body of evidence on a topic or question.

Circumstances that create household food insecurity

Household food insecurity and economic factors

Income

Research consistently demonstrates that household food insecurity is primarily an income-based issue. Household income is a robust predictor of food insecurity in Canada and is tightly linked to other forms of material deprivation (15–18), as demonstrated by data from several socioeconomic indicators summarized below.

Income source

A household's source of income is a strong predictor for household food insecurity. Households whose main source of income is from social assistance are three times more likely to be food insecure than households who have income from wages or salaries (17). By design, social assistance programs do very little to build assets that could buffer an economic shock, making households vulnerable beyond their income alone (19). Household food insecurity, however, is sensitive to changes in income supplementation programs. In BC, overall rates of household food insecurity and rates of severe food insecurity decreased following a modest enhancement to social assistance benefits between 2005-2012 (18).

Housing and homeownership

Evidence indicates disparities in household food insecurity based on homeownership status and levels of housing assets. Most food insecure households are market renters, and among homeowners, those with a mortgage on a home valued in the lowest decile of home values are most likely to be food insecure (19). Lack of affordable housing in BC is a compounding stressor for food insecurity. Housing affordability is poor or worsening across several indicators of affordability, and this is especially true among the province's four largest urban regions: Okanagan Valley, Fraser Valley, Victoria and Greater Vancouver (20). These affordability challenges are particularly concerning given research that suggests protective effects of home ownership in relation to household food insecurity (21).

Employment

While income source plays a role in susceptibility to household food insecurity, working in paid employment does not prevent household food insecurity (22). While the prevalence of household food insecurity among households that receive wages from salaries or self-employment as their main source of income is low, 51.9% of food insecure households report wages or salaries as their primary source of income (15). This indicates that earning income through paid employment is not always sufficient to prevent household food insecurity. Changes to the labour market over the last 40 years have concentrated jobs at the top and bottom of the wage distribution and contributed to a growth in low-wage and precarious work, which is a concern for economic security and a potential driver of food

insecurity. In Canada, job losses and reduced hours during the COVID-19 pandemic were largely concentrated among people in low-paid and precarious work (23).

Household food insecurity and sociodemographic factors

In Canada, the probability and severity of the experience of household food insecurity depends not only on economic factors such as income, source of income, homeownership and employment, but also on sociodemographic factors (which are closely linked to poverty) such as place of residence, education, Indigenous identity, race/cultural group, immigration status and household composition (2,15). For example, Canadian data shows that food insecurity is more prevalent among households with children. 20.9% of male lone parent households and 38.1% of female lone parent households reported household food insecurity in 2021, compared with 15.6% of couples with children in the home and 9.1% of couples without children (15).

Systemic racism: a structural driver of household food insecurity

At the root of poverty are economic factors that fail to deliver or secure an adequate income to meet basic needs. In Canada, where structural factors such as racist and colonial policies, practices and norms restrict access to opportunity and upward mobility for racialized people, household food insecurity is most prevalent among households where the respondent identifies as Indigenous (30.7%), Arab/West Asian (27.6%) or Black (22.4%) (15). In 2020, the proportion of people living in poverty among racialized groups was 13.2% compared to 8.0% for non-racialized groups in BC (24). In Vancouver, over 66% of persons living in poverty were from racialized groups in 2020 (24). While there has been a downward trend in the poverty rate in Canada, disparities between racialized and non-racialized groups continue to persist. Addressing food insecurity requires attention to the structural drivers – or ‘causes of the causes’ – that drive health and its determinants.

Evidence-based interventions to address household food insecurity

Evidence for the relationship between household food insecurity and health provides a compelling case for interventions that improve households’ economic security. Research has shown that household food insecurity is primarily an income-based issue that requires income-based solutions, and there is evidence from Canada and the United States indicating that social protection policies and interventions that provide income to households improve both household food insecurity and health (2,25).

In Canada, cash transfers in the form of children’s and seniors’ benefits have been associated with reductions in household food insecurity, particularly effective at reducing severe food insecurity among low-income families (18,25–27). Similarly, in the United States, income supplementation programs, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit, have been shown to be associated with decreased household

food insecurity and improved health outcomes (18,26–27). In-kind financial benefits, which are non-cash monetary benefits or supplemental benefits typically restricted to spending on particular goods (e.g., food, medical or housing benefits/subsidies), are designed to augment households' material resources. In the United States, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as the Food Stamps Program), which provides targeted food purchasing assistance to eligible low-income people and families, has been shown to reduce poverty and household food insecurity (6). A systematic review of in-kind subsidies and child food insecurity found some evidence for reductions in food insecurity and poor health among recipients of programs like SNAP and WIC, the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children; however, evidence was mixed and limited in scope and quality (28). There is no evidence demonstrating that in-kind financial benefits are more effective at reducing food insecurity than cash transfers, and research has identified administrative costs, stigma and barriers to access as hindering the effectiveness of in-kind financial benefits (29). There is consensus that in order for cash transfers and in-kind benefits to effectively reduce household food insecurity, sufficient benefit amounts and program coverage are necessary (28).

Day to day feeding programs are another broad type of intervention that often target specific populations, such as people who are homeless (e.g., soup kitchens), elderly people or people with disabilities (e.g., Meals on Wheels in the United States), or low-income children (e.g., school breakfast or lunch programs). Such targeted feeding programs have been shown to have limited and mixed impacts on household food security (30,31). They have also been associated with stigma and barriers to access (such as means testing) (32), and have been recognized as insufficient for addressing the root causes of food insecurity. A systematic review found that school food assistance and breakfast programs can increase food access and improve dietary intake, while delivering social, behavioural and educational benefits (28). Currently, there is no national school food program in Canada, and the patchwork of school food programs across the country provides inconsistent access to nutritious foods at school for children (33). A recent review of Canadian school food programs identified the need for sufficient resources to deliver high-quality programming, consideration of food systems and environmental impact, and integration of the social determinants of health as key considerations for a national school food policy and program (34), though experts caution that such a program should not be seen as a solution to the broader issues of poverty and food insecurity (35,36).

There is strong evidence for the association between community food programs, such as community gardens or kitchens and box programs, and positive social outcomes such as social connectedness and sense of belonging, as well as some positive impacts on community food security. However, there is limited evidence related to the impact of community food programs on household food insecurity (25).

Overall, there are significant gaps in BC and Canada’s policy response to household food insecurity, and the evaluation of programs that target the economic drivers of food insecurity is limited (37). Charitable food assistance remains the dominant and most prominent public response to food insecurity in Canada.

Food banks emerged in Canada in response to the economic downturn of the 1980s, and have since become institutionalized as a form of social assistance alongside economic and policy trends that have stagnated incomes for those at the bottom of the income distribution (38). While food banks are designed to serve those facing immediate food needs, the vast majority of food insecure families do not access charitable emergency food assistance. Food insecure households report food banks as a last resort after other resource augmentation strategies, and only a small percentage of food insecure households report using food banks (39). Despite the BC and federal governments directing emergency funds to food banks and food security programs to support immediate needs of people facing food insecurity during the pandemic (40,41), the gap between food bank usage and household food insecurity has been even more pronounced during the COVID-19 pandemic. A nationally representative survey to track the economic and health impacts of the pandemic found that only 7.4% of food insecure households reported receiving charitable food assistance in the previous months (42).

Effective and sustained responses to household food insecurity must be evidence-based, address the root causes of the issue and be evaluated for their impact on household food insecurity. Evidence shows that dominant approaches to addressing food insecurity focused on charitable, emergency food responses, such as food banks, do not effectively address the root causes of household food insecurity. Rather, the evidence demonstrates a need to address the conditions that give rise to household food insecurity – inadequate incomes, broader material deprivation and financial insecurity, and the intersecting structural inequities that underlie them – through upstream social policies.

Indigenous Context and Data

Indigenous Peoples' relationships with their traditional territories and food systems provided food security and food sovereignty for millennia. Prior to European contact, Indigenous Peoples' relationships to food were "land-based, holistic and self-determined" (43), and vibrant food trade and sharing relationships existed. While climate disruptions and fluctuating populations of plant and animal food sources caused food availability to vary, prolonged hunger was not a common experience for most Indigenous communities (44).

While the inherent rights of Indigenous Peoples, rooted in connection to lands and waters, have never been ceded or surrendered, colonization has disrupted traditional food systems and Indigenous Peoples' relationships to food (44). Forced dislocation from their traditional territories, ecological destruction and decimation of traditional food systems, impacts of residential schools, intergenerational trauma, and more have led to experiences of prolonged hunger and food insecurity among Indigenous Peoples. While Indigenous Peoples have always been resilient in maintaining traditional food systems and practices, these colonial disruptions and ensuing food insecurity have had detrimental impacts on the mental, emotional, spiritual and physical health of Indigenous Peoples.

While the analyses in this report do not include data on household food insecurity among Indigenous Peoples, it is well documented that Indigenous people and communities today are disproportionately impacted by high rates of household food insecurity and experience unique barriers to food access and food security.

- 30.7% of First Nations people living off-reserve in the 10 provinces reported experiencing household food insecurity in 2021, the highest percentage among all racial groups (15). This included 8.8% reporting severe food insecurity.³
- Even after accounting for sociodemographic and economic factors, households whose main income earner is Indigenous remain almost twice as likely to be food insecure compared to those with white main income earners (15).³
- On-reserve, 43.5% of First Nations households in BC reported not being able to afford to eat balanced meals in the past 12 months in 2015-2017 (45).

³ These data do not include people living in the territories or on reserve, who experience very high rates of household food insecurity.

- Close to half (48%) of households living on-reserve in Canada experienced household food insecurity in 2008-2018. Regional rates were 3-5 times higher compared to the general Canadian population (12%) (46).
- 47% of families living on-reserve reported running out of traditional food before they could replenish their supplies, and 77% desired to serve traditional food more often (46).
- There is little data available specific to food security and food insecurity among Métis and Inuit people in BC.

Understanding key challenges around food insecurity among Indigenous Peoples requires upholding inherent rights and centering Indigenous contexts and lived experiences. Tensions can exist for many Indigenous households who rely on income and must find a balance between time and energy spent in mainstream economic activities (i.e., participating in the wage economy or paid work), with time and energy for harvesting, preparing and preserving traditional foods from the land and passing food-related knowledge to current and future generations (43). At the same time, many Indigenous Peoples rely on traditional foods and food sources, especially in times where lack of income and rising food costs inhibit their access to market foods. When food from the lands and waters are not harvested, eaten and shared, and knowledge is not transferred, relationships between Indigenous Peoples, food, land and culture are disrupted, and in turn, the health of both current and future generations is impacted deeply (47). Thus, measures to support harvesting, access, exercising land rights, and intergenerational knowledge transfer, in addition to adequate incomes, are critical.

Indigenous scholars and Knowledge Keepers have articulated the need for broader, more holistic approaches in Indigenous contexts: “The criticisms of food security measures clearly point to the need for Indigenous voices, values and beliefs in food and nutrition studies” (48). The Working Group on Indigenous Food Sovereignty has identified that Indigenous Peoples’ ability to respond to their own needs for adequate amounts of Indigenous foods in the forests, fields and waterways requires framing within ecological, cultural and temporal scope and scale of Indigenous food systems (49).

Food security for Indigenous Peoples is intrinsically tied to food sovereignty, self-determination (UNDRIP Article 23) and access to land (UNDRIP Article 26), and requires Nation-to-Nation leadership and decision making. Both the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) (50) and BC Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA) (51) recognize

and affirm Indigenous rights to self-determination, and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's (TRC) Calls to Action (52) call for governments to acknowledge the impact of government policies on Indigenous health (18) and take action to identify and close gaps in health outcomes (19). The Province has reaffirmed its commitments to Indigenous Peoples through the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act Action Plan (Action Plan) (53), which prioritizes the maintenance of traditional foods and systems over the next five years. The Action Plan highlights the following food security related outcomes the Province is striving towards:

- Indigenous food systems are recognized and supported in their foundational and interconnected role in providing cultural, social, environmental and economic well-being; and,
- Indigenous Peoples have meaningful and sufficient access to abundant and healthy traditional foods and have peaceful enjoyment of their harvesting rights.

Further work to find respectful ways to include Indigenous data is essential to ensure interventions and policies meet the needs of those experiencing the highest rates of food insecurity. The First Nations Population Health and Wellness Agenda (54) (a partnership between FNHA and the Office of the Provincial Health Officer (OPHO)) and Métis Public Health Surveillance Program (55) (a partnership between Métis Nation BC, OPHO and the Ministry of Health) demonstrate commitments to monitor and report on First Nations and Métis indicators including those related to food insecurity, traditional foods and Indigenous food sovereignty.

Methods

Measuring household food insecurity in Canada: The Canadian Community Health Survey

Data used in the main section of this report comes from the 2017/2018 Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS), a cross-sectional survey administered by Statistics Canada that collects health-related information from approximately 130,000 Canadians. The sample is representative of the Canadian population 12 years of age and over living in the provinces and territories, but it excludes individuals living on First Nations reserves, Crown Lands, or in some Quebec health regions, full-time members of the Canadian military, and persons in prisons or care facilities.

Household food insecurity has been measured in Canada since 2004 using the Household Food Security Survey Module (HFSSM), a standardized and validated scale of household food insecurity that measures inadequate or insecure access to food due to financial constraints. The module monitors households'

experiences of food insecurity of the previous 12 months and consists of 18 questions on a range of conditions, from worrying that food will run out to modifying the amount of food consumed. The questions distinguish between the experiences of adults and children. Households with zero affirmative responses are classified as food secure, while households with one or more affirmative responses are classified as food insecure. Households are further classified as experiencing either *marginal*, *moderate*, or *severe food insecurity*, representing a spectrum of experiences with food insecurity (see Box 2) (2). Marginal food insecurity is defined by no more than one affirmative response, moderate food insecurity by two to five affirmative responses and severe food insecurity by six or more affirmative responses. While Statistics Canada reports on only moderate and severe food insecurity, this report adopts the use of marginal, moderate and severe food insecurity recommended by the PROOF research centre at the University of Toronto and used by BCCDC in the 2016 *Priority health equity indicators for British Columbia: Household food insecurity indicator report* (3).

Box 2

3 categories of Household Food Insecurity

Marginal food insecurity:

Worry about running out of food and/or limited food selection due to a lack of money for food

Moderate food insecurity:

Compromise in quality and/or quantity of food due to a lack of money for food

Severe food insecurity:

Miss meals, reduce food intake, and at the most extreme go day(s) without food

The prevalence of household food insecurity in this report is measured at the level of individuals 12 years of age and older who live in households that experience household food insecurity. Measurement of household food insecurity at the individual level, rather than at the household level, differs from previous reporting of household food insecurity in British Columbia (3) and in Canada (2). This discrepancy is because this report uses data from the CCHS Public Use Microfile (PUMF) rather than the CCHS Masterfile. Due to the risk of disclosure, household weights are not included on the PUMF. By applying individual weights supplied by Statistics Canada on the PUMF, the prevalences reported here reflect the proportion of individuals who reported living in households with food insecurity, and not the proportion of households experiencing food insecurity. Thus, data included in this report should not be directly compared to other reports of household food insecurity measured at the level of households.

Analytical approach

The data were analyzed to 1) determine the overall prevalence of household food security in BC at the provincial, Health Authority, and Health Service Delivery Area (HSDA) levels, and 2) to examine, using bivariate analyses, the relationship between household food insecurity and various economic and sociodemographic factors identified in the evidence review as influencing household food insecurity such as geography, income, income source and homeownership. These variables were selected through discussion and engagement with the Health Authority Food Security Committee. The relationship between household food insecurity and mental health, one of the indicator areas prioritized in the initial prioritization phase of the *Developing Provincial Food Security Indicators for BC* project, was also examined using bivariate analysis.

Findings

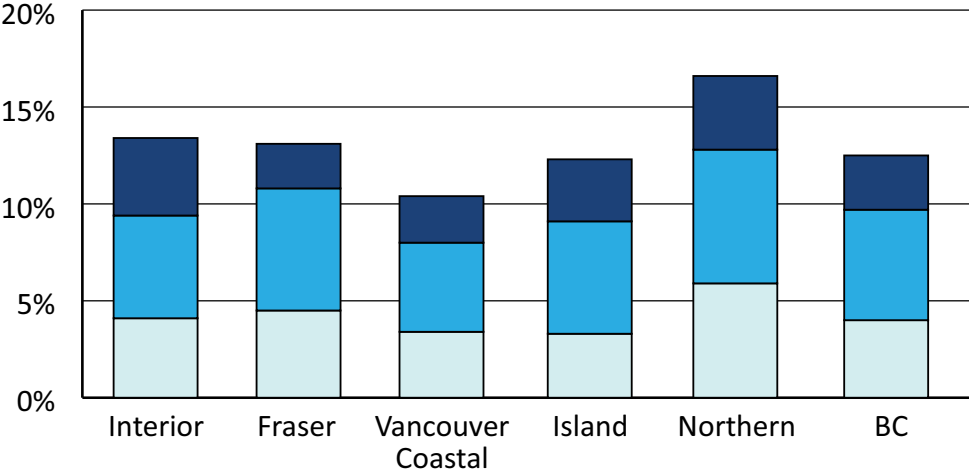
Prevalence of Household Food Insecurity across British Columbia

In 2017-2018, 12.5% of people 12 years of age and over in British Columbia lived in households that experienced some level of food insecurity during the previous 12 months, with 2.8% of people living in households that are classified as severely food insecure. This means that 1 in 8 people lived in households that experienced household food insecurity.

Reporting the total number of people living in food insecure households in BC is not possible with the data used in this report; however, it has been reported elsewhere that there are approximately 732,000 food insecure households in BC (15).

Across BC health authorities, the prevalence ranged from 10.4% in Vancouver Coastal Health to 16.6% in Northern Health (Figure 1). Marginal and moderate food insecurity contributed to Northern Health having the highest overall household food insecurity rate; however, the highest rate of severe food insecurity was in Interior Health, with a prevalence of 4.0%.

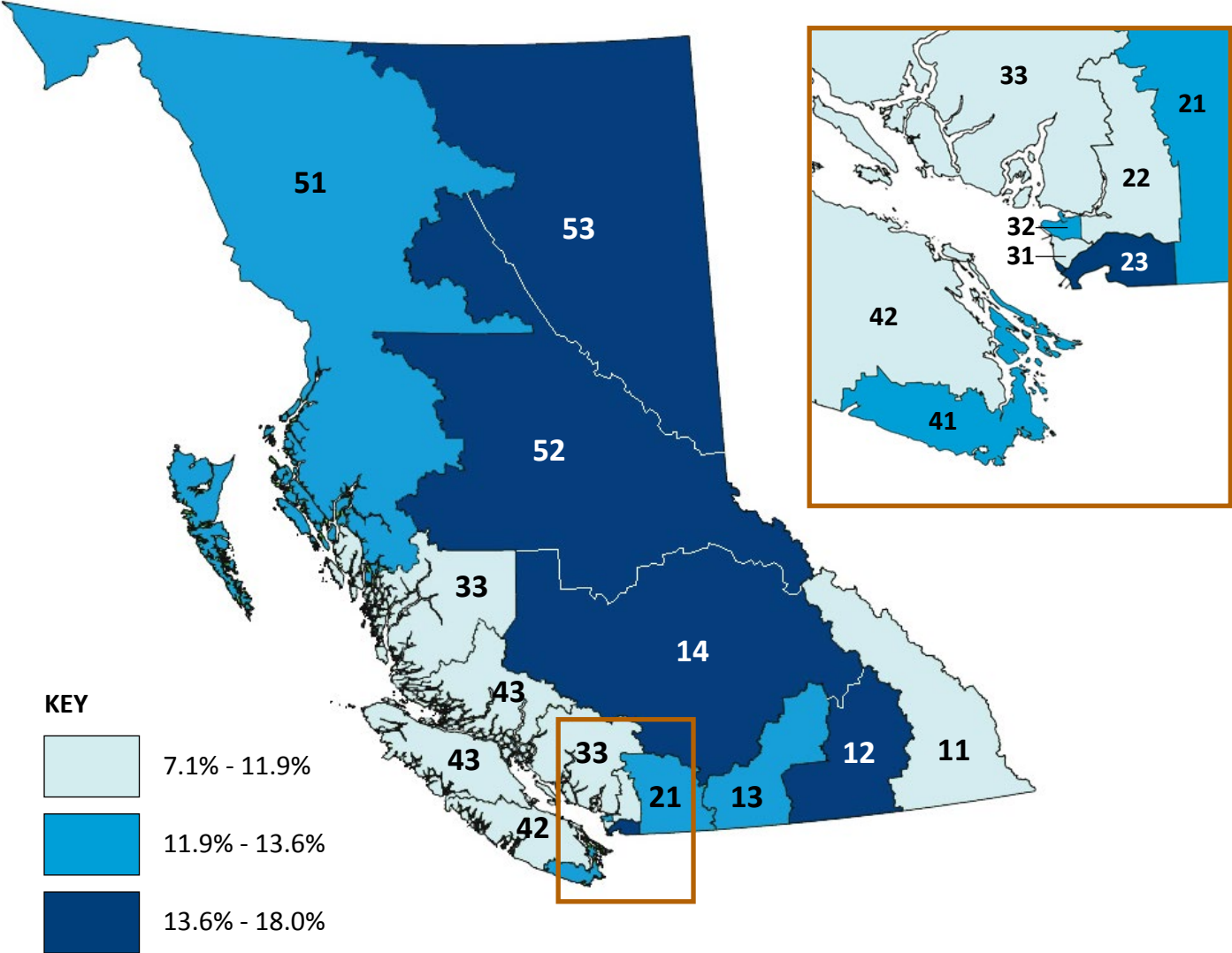
Figure 1. Prevalence of people living in households with food insecurity status in British Columbia by Health Authority



	Interior	Fraser	Vancouver Coastal	Island	Northern	BC
Total	13.4%	13.1%	10.4%	12.3%	16.6%	12.5%
Severe food insecurity	4.0%	2.3%	2.4%	3.2%	3.8%	2.8%
Moderate food insecurity	5.3%	6.3%	4.6%	5.8%	6.9%	5.7%
Marginal food insecurity	4.1%	4.5%	3.4%	3.3%	5.9%	4.0%

The rate of household food insecurity varied across the 16 Health Service Delivery Areas (HSDAs) in BC, with a more than twofold difference between the highest (Northeast, 18%) and lowest (North Shore/Garibaldi, 7.1%) (Figure 2).

Figure 2. Prevalence of people living in households with food insecurity status in British Columbia across Health Service Delivery Areas (HSDAs)



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| 11 East Kootenay | 23 Fraser South | 43 North Vancouver Island |
| 12 Kootenay Boundary | 31 Richmond | 51 Northwest |
| 13 Okanagan | 32 Vancouver | 52 Northern Interior |
| 14 Thompson Cariboo Shuswap | 33 North Shore/Coast Garibaldi | 53 Northeast |
| 21 Fraser East | 41 South Vancouver Island | |
| 22 Fraser North | 42 Central Vancouver Island | |

Which households are most susceptible to household food insecurity?

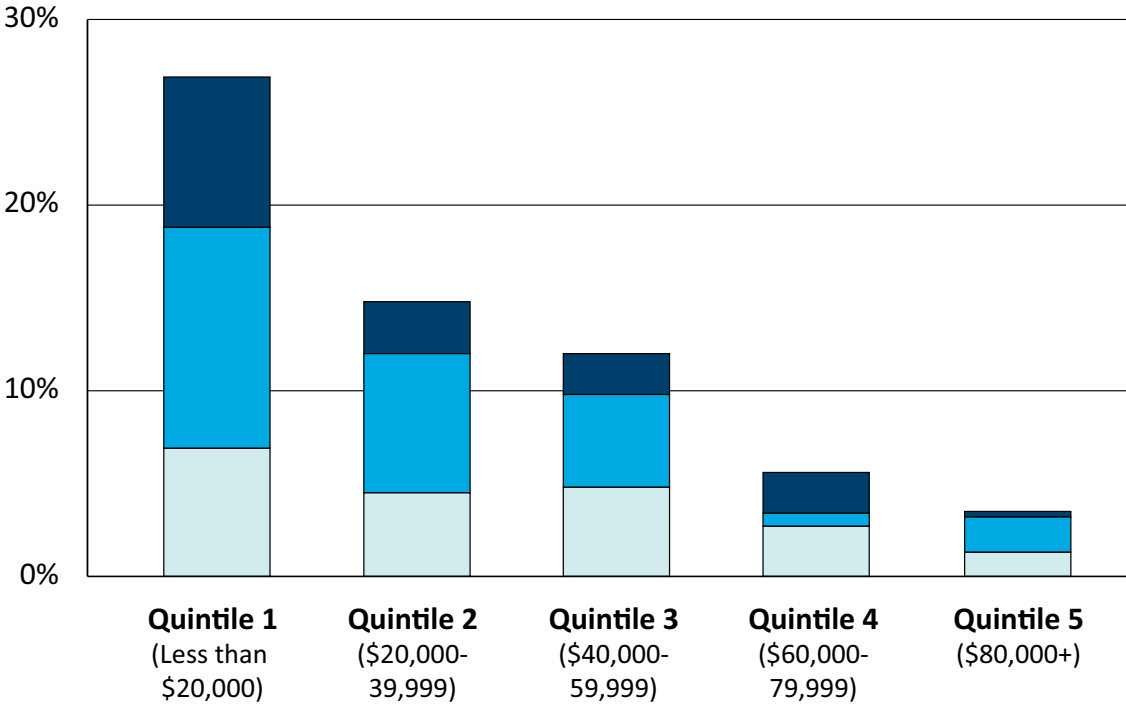
Household food insecurity and economic factors

Household food insecurity is fundamentally a measure of a lack of economic access to food that is tightly linked to other indicators of social and economic disadvantage. Not surprisingly, household food insecurity is related to a household's income, source of income and other indicators of economic security (such as housing).

Household food insecurity was more prevalent among people in households who were in the lowest quintiles⁴ of income distribution, a relative measure of their household income compared to the household incomes of other respondents adjusted for household and community size (Figure 3). Of those in the lowest quintile, 26.9% were food insecure with 8.1% reporting severe food insecurity, compared to 3.5% in the highest quintile.

⁴ Quintile refers to any of five equal groups into which a population is divided according to the distribution of values of a particular variable.

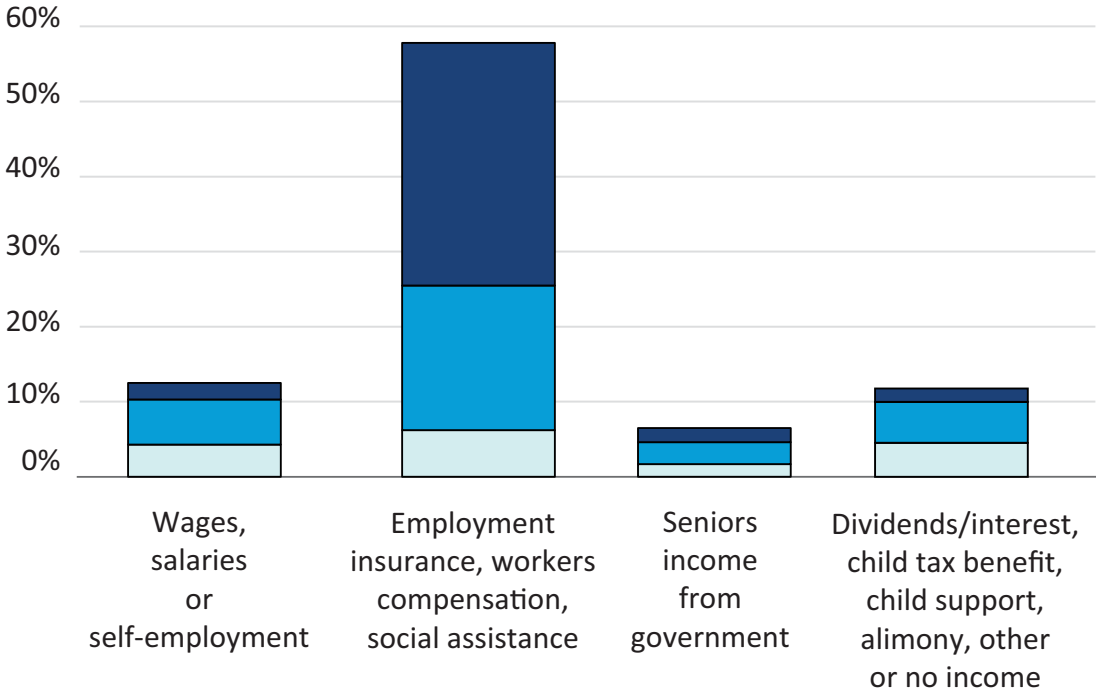
Figure 3. Prevalence of people living in households with food insecurity status in British Columbia and household income quintile



	Quintile 1 (Less than \$20,000)	Quintile 2 (\$20,000-39,999)	Quintile 3 (\$40,000-59,999)	Quintile 4 (\$60,000-79,999)	Quintile 5 (\$80,00+)
Total	26.9%	14.8%	12%	5.6%	3.5%
Severe food insecurity	8.1%	2.8%	2.2%	2.2%	0.3%
Moderate food insecurity	11.9%	7.5%	5%	0.7%	1.9%
Marginal food insecurity	6.9%	4.5%	4.8%	2.7%	1.3%

There are marked differences in the prevalence of people experiencing household food insecurity when the main source of household income is from social assistance, with 57.9% reporting any food insecurity, and 32.3% experiencing severe food insecurity (Figure 4). The lowest rates are among people living in households where the main source of income is from government pensions (6.5%). The grouping of different income support programs in the CCHS limit the extent to which firm conclusions can be drawn about the extent to which recent reforms to income support programs (such as the Canada Child Benefit or Canada Workers Benefit) have impacted the prevalence of household food insecurity. This data from 2017-2018 also precedes the introduction of BC Poverty Reduction Strategy actions to increase rates and implement the Child Opportunity Benefit; as such, conclusions cannot be made about the impact of these strategies on household food insecurity.

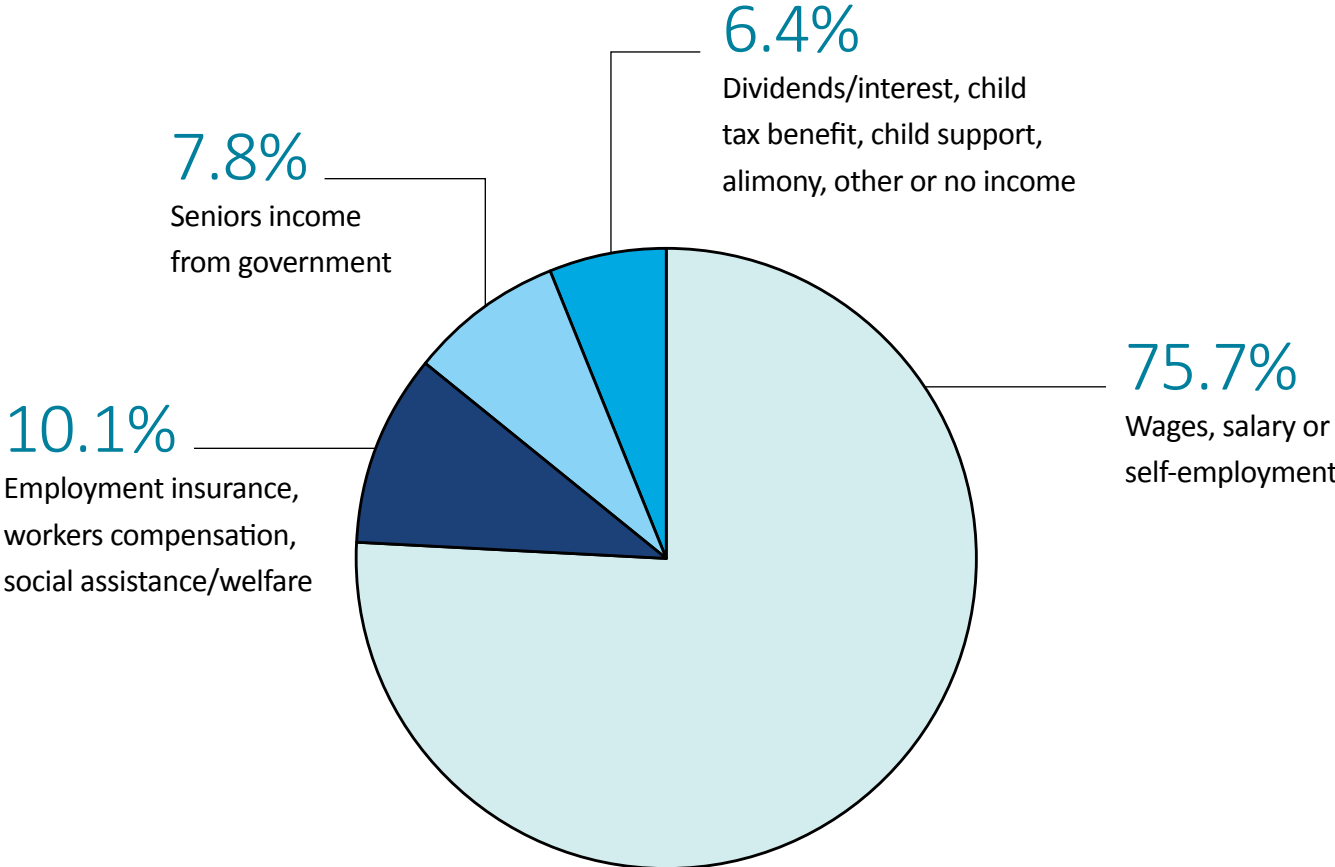
Figure 4. Prevalence of people living in households with food insecurity status in British Columbia and households' main source of income



	Wages, salaries or self-employment	Employment insurance, workers compensation, social assistance	Seniors income from government	Dividends/interest, child tax benefit, child support, alimony, other or no income
Total	12.4%	57.9%	6.5%	11.6%
Severe food insecurity	2.2%	32.3%	1.9%	2.1%
Moderate food insecurity	6.0%	19.3%	2.9%	4.8%
Marginal food insecurity	4.3%	6.2%	1.7%	4.6%

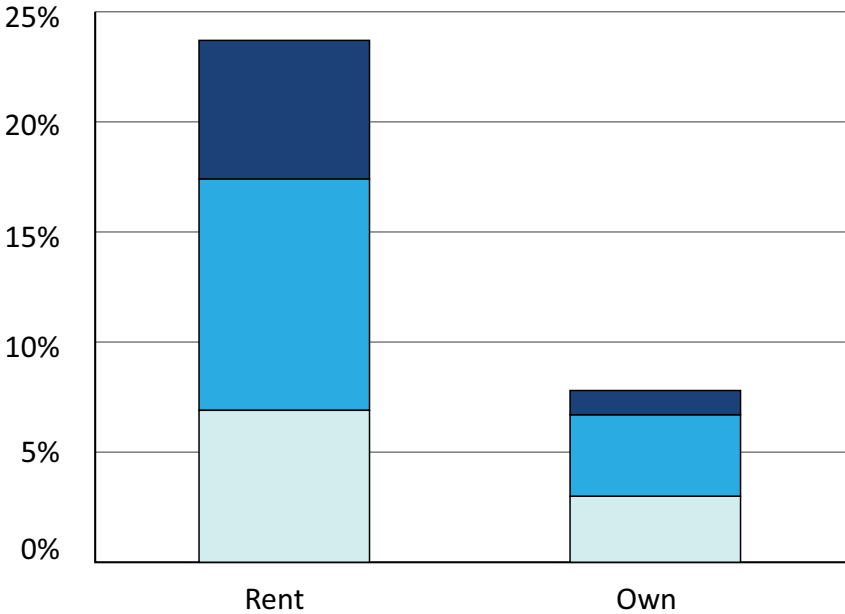
While the prevalence for people living in food insecure households where the main source of household income was from wages and salaries is relatively low, among all people living in food insecure households, 75.7% reported their main source of income were wages, salaries or self employment (Figure 5).

Figure 5. Income sources among people living in households with food insecurity status in British Columbia



Household food insecurity is much more prevalent among those who rent rather than own their home, with 23.7% of renters and 7.9% of owners affected by some degree of household food insecurity (Figure 6). Among those experiencing household food insecurity, 55.3% rented their home, compared to 44.7% who owned their home.

Figure 6. Prevalence of people living in households with food insecurity status in British Columbia by renter/homeownership



	Rent	Own
Total	23.7%	7.9%
Severe food insecurity	6.9%	1.1%
Moderate food insecurity	10.5%	3.7%
Marginal food insecurity	6.3%	3.0%

Household food insecurity and sociodemographic factors

Analysis of sociodemographic factors, such as race, immigration status and household composition (e.g., households with children), in the BC context is not possible with the CCHS Public Use Microdata File (PUMF) that has been used in this report, and which is the most widely available source of national health survey data for public health decision-making. However, it has been well documented elsewhere that food insecurity is strongly related to other forms of social and economic disadvantage. For example, 2021 CIS data analyzed by PROOF shows that racialized groups, and especially Indigenous peoples, experience disproportionately high rates of household food insecurity (15).

Food insecurity is most acutely felt by those who experience the negative impacts of structural inequities, such as discrimination and on-going colonial practices.

Household food insecurity and mental health

People experiencing household food insecurity reported lower rates of positive (excellent, very good or good) perceived mental health compared to those who are food secure, at 79.1% versus 93.0%. This is consistent with the robust evidence for the increased likelihood of depression, anxiety and sleep disorders among those who are food insecure compared to those who are food secure (13). Proposed mechanisms for this relationship include a stress response that may contribute to poorer mental health, or an increased psycho-emotional burden from poorer social relationships given the importance of food to social connection and inclusion in community (14). It should also be noted here that the relationship between mental health and household food insecurity can be bi-directional, as mental health issues can pose challenges to workforce participation and employment, which can, in turn, exacerbate financial stress, poverty and household food insecurity (56).

Supplement: COVID-19 and Concern for Food Security in BC

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused unprecedented changes to social and economic life. Measures necessary to contain the virus have led to job losses and reduced work hours, especially among people in low-wage and precarious work in the food and retail sectors in Canada (23), reflecting long-standing inequalities that the current crisis has exacerbated. Loss of income raises concerns about growing household food insecurity. Data from several sources show that the financial hardships brought on by the pandemic may have impacted household food insecurity. For example, early monitoring by Statistics Canada, using the 6-item short form HFSSM⁵, found that between March and May 2020, one in seven Canadians (14.6%) indicated living in households experiencing food insecurity in the previous 30 days (57). Those who were absent from work due to COVID-19 were more likely to be food insecure (28.4%) than those who were working (10.4%). Taking into account differences in how food security was assessed by Statistics Canada early in the pandemic and in pre-pandemic monitoring suggests a 39% increase in the prevalence of household food insecurity during the pandemic (42).

The BC COVID-19 Survey on Population Experiences, Action and Knowledge (SPEAK) (58) was developed by health system partners in the Province of BC to collect information about BC residents' experiences and measure impacts on social, economic, physical and mental wellness during the COVID-19 pandemic. Two province-wide, cross-sectional, web-based population health surveys were conducted one year apart (May 2020 and April/May 2021). Here, BC residents' experience of concern for food security from round two of the BC COVID-19 SPEAK (58) is reported.

Methods

The BC COVID-19 SPEAK Round 2 (58) was an observational cross-sectional, voluntary, online survey administered in April/May 2021. The target population was residents of British Columbia aged 18 years of age or older. From a final number of 206,241 respondents, a sample of 188,561 was used in the final analytical dataset⁶. Data was weighted using 2016 Canadian Census data by geography (HSDA, Local Health Area (LHA), and Community Health Service Area (CHSA)) at the level of the individual for age,

⁵ The 6-item short form questionnaire includes 6 questions from the 18-item HFSSM and asks about past 30-day food insecurity experiences, while the full HFSSM on the CCHS asks about experiences based on the past 12 months.

⁶ The final analytical dataset for the BC COVID-19 SPEAK Round 2 (58) only included surveys where a Health Service Delivery Area (HSDA) geography, age and sex were assigned and the respondent must have progressed to at least 33% of the survey. Identified duplicate responses and those who withdrew consent after the survey was submitted were removed from the final analytical sample.

sex at birth, education level and ethnicity to ensure a representative sample. Therefore, the data presented in this supplement section represents individual, and not household, experiences of concern for food security.

There are important differences between the measurement of food security concern in the BC COVID-19 SPEAK survey compared to routine monitoring of household food insecurity in Canada. In the BC COVID-19 SPEAK (58), the experience of food insecurity was measured using a single question from the routine HFSSM measure, compared to the Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS) that uses the full 18-question HFSSM to measure household food insecurity. For this reason, the experiences of concern for food security reported in this supplement should not be directly compared to household food insecurity data from the CCHS reported in this report.

The BC COVID-19 SPEAK (58) asked respondents to answer the question “Please indicate whether the following statement is often true, sometimes, or never true since the COVID-19 pandemic. You worry that food will run out before you get money to buy more.” Those who selected “often true” or “sometimes true” were classified as having concern for food security, while those who selected “never true” were classified as having no concern for food security. Those who selected “I don’t know” or “Prefer not to answer” or with no selection were excluded from the analysis. Responses to this single question related to worry about food running out should be interpreted as an individual’s experience with food worry or concern for food security, rather than experiences with household food insecurity, which is a complex construct that includes worry as well as compromising food quality and quantity (2).

Analytical approach

The BC COVID-19 SPEAK (58) data were analyzed to 1) determine the proportion of respondents who reported concern for food security at the provincial, Health Authority, and Health Service Delivery Area (HSDA) levels, and 2) to examine, using bivariate analyses, the relationship between concern for food security and various economic and sociodemographic factors identified in the literature and by the Health Authority Food Security Committee as important factors related to food security. Variables of interest included geographic location, self-reported race/ethnicity, immigration status, family composition, age, education, household income and reported changes in employment during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Equity-based analysis of concern for food security

The BC COVID-19 SPEAK (58) data shows that, in April/May 2021, concern for food security in BC was most prevalent among populations that were facing inequities stemming from structural drivers of health and wellbeing prior to COVID-19:

People who reside in remote communities:

Rates of concern for food security were highest in Northern Health. People in remote regions had the highest rate of concern for food security at 16.9%. Half of remote regions in the province are in the Northeast Health Service Delivery Area (HSDA).

Racialized people:

People who identify as Black had one of the highest rates of concern for food security at 19.9%, compared to 10.0% among those who identified as white, who had the lowest rate. Data specific to Indigenous people are not included in this report based on the need for data sovereignty.⁷

Immigration status:

Almost half (47.4%) of people with no legal immigration status⁸ or who are refugee claimants reported worry that food would run out before they had money to buy more, followed by those who are on work or study permits at 32.3%.

⁷ OCAP® asserts that First Nations alone have control over data collection processes in their communities, and that they own and control how this information can be stored, interpreted, used, or shared. In accordance with Indigenous Data Governance practices in B.C., COVID-19 SPEAK (58) data from Indigenous respondents is provided to the First Nations Health Authority and Métis Nation B.C. to determine how best to use the data in planning and engaging Indigenous communities across the province.

⁸ Are not a Canadian citizen, do not have permanent residency in Canada or do not have a work/study visa

Findings

The overall prevalence of people reporting worry about food running out before having money to buy more in BC was 12.3%. Prevalence was highest in Northern Health, at 15.5%. The prevalence of concern for food security reported here was overall lower than reported in the first round of the BC COVID-19 SPEAK (58), at 15.6% overall prevalence in BC and 18.4% in Northern Health, in May 2020. The higher prevalence in May 2020 is likely attributed to the emergency context of the early days of the pandemic, while the findings from round 2 (April/May 2021) reported here are likely more reflective of the longer-term, sustained impacts of COVID-19 on food insecurity in BC. Please see the Appendix for statistical results from the BC COVID-19 SPEAK survey.

Rates of concern for food security were relatively consistent across health authorities, ranging from 11.1% in Vancouver Coastal Health to 15.5% in Northern Health. However, they varied more widely across Health Service Delivery Areas (HSDAs), with North Shore/Coast Garibaldi having the lowest prevalence (8.3%) and the Northeast region the highest (19.9%).

Figure 7. Prevalence of people who reported concern for food security in British Columbia by Health Authority

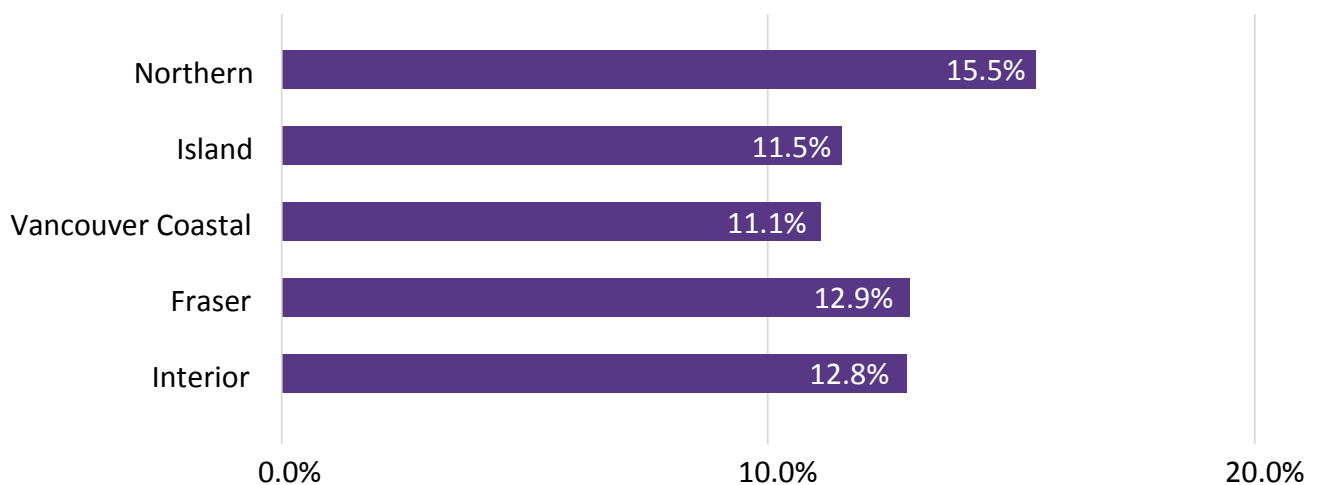
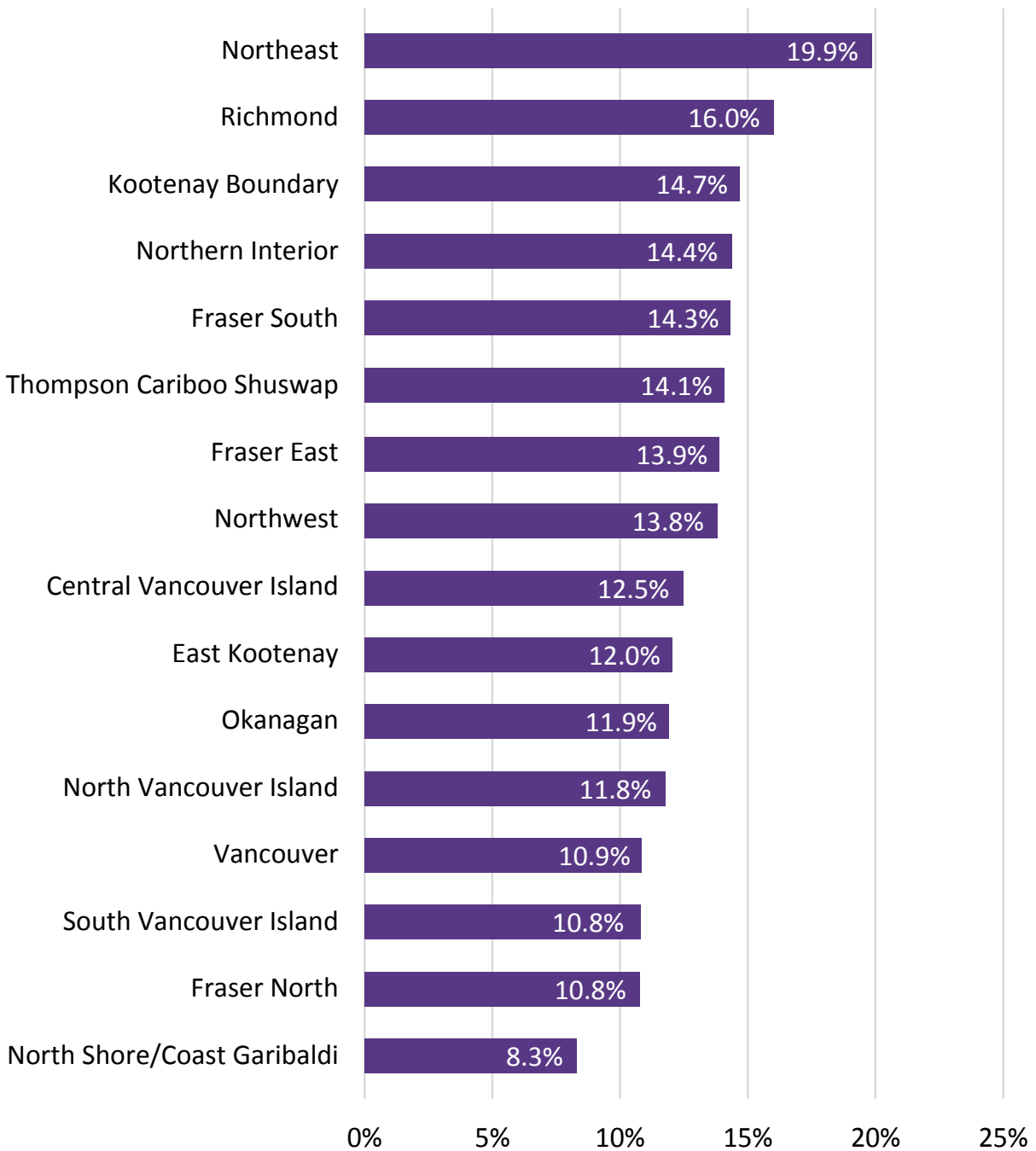
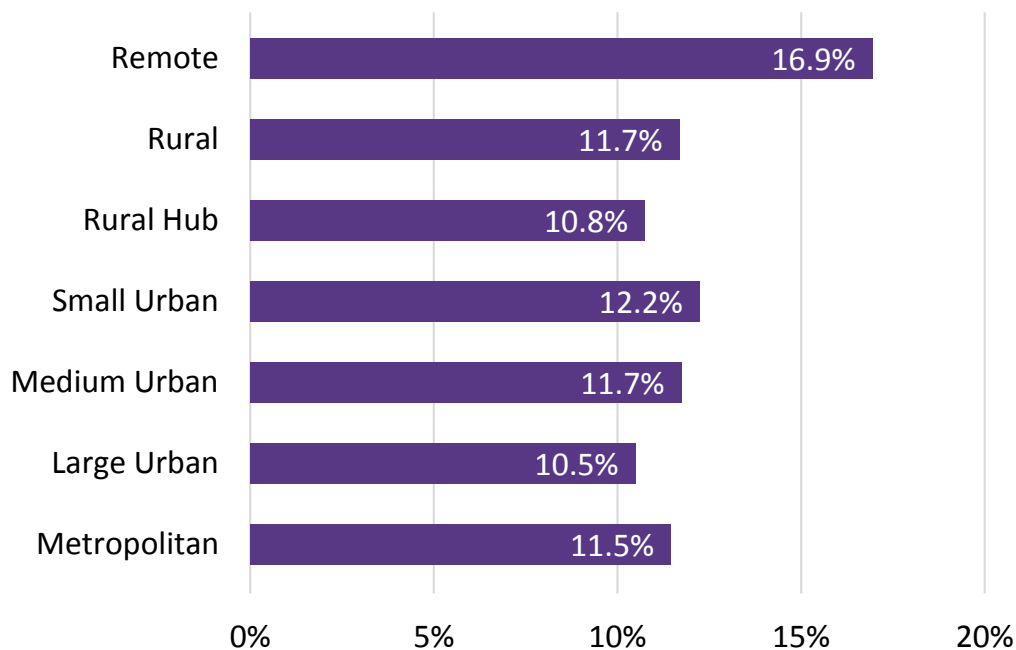


Figure 8. Prevalence of people who reported concern for food security by Health Service Delivery Area (HSDA)



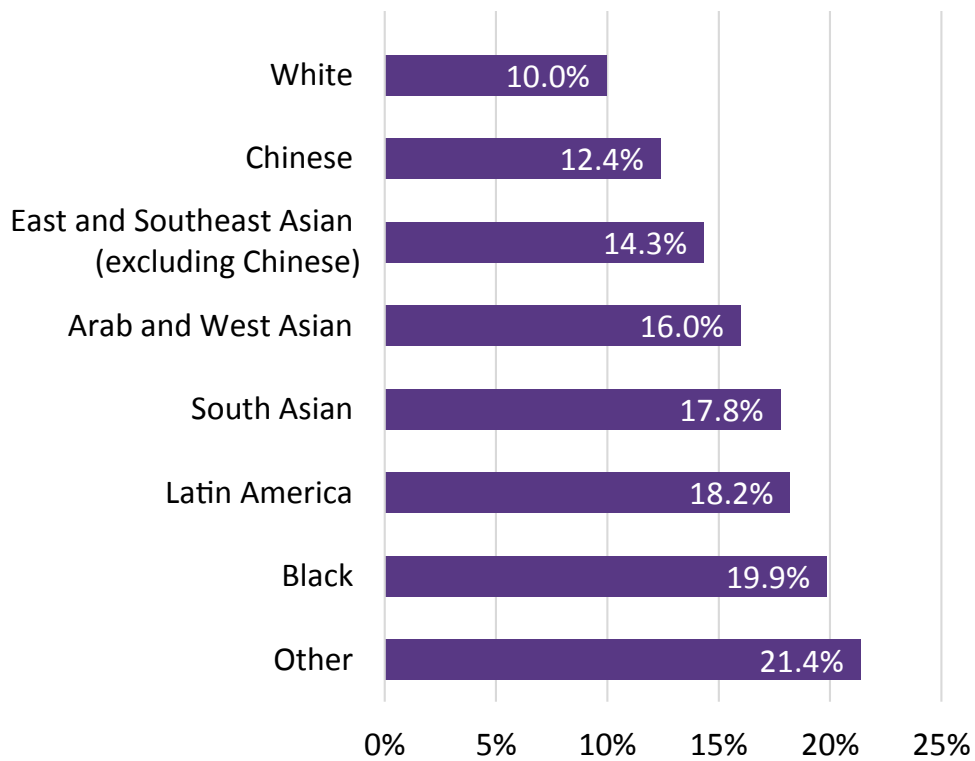
The level of urbanization of respondents' geographic location was classified by Community Health Service Area (CHSA) urban-rural classifications (metropolitan, large-urban, medium-urban, small-urban, rural-hub or rural or remote). Remote CHSAs had the highest rate of concern for food security (16.9%), consistent with existing evidence on the intersecting economic and geographic factors that contribute to food access issues in remote communities (59). Half of the remote CHSAs are in the Northwest HSDA. There were minimal differences in concern for food security between rural and urban CHSAs. This finding is consistent with previous results that report minimal differences between rural/urban residence (17), and may reflect lower cost of housing in rural areas that mitigates the impact of other economic hardships.

Figure 9. Prevalence of people who reported concern for food security by Community Health Service Area (CHSA) urban-rural classifications



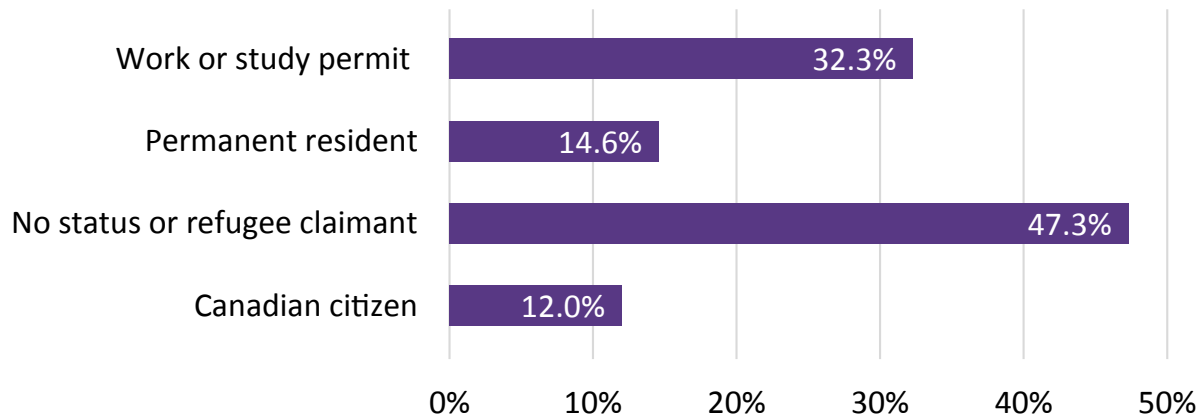
There are marked differences in the prevalence of concern for food security based on self-reported race/ethnicity. Previous research has shown that racialized populations experience higher rates of food insecurity than those who identify as white due to structural racism and social and economic determinants of food insecurity (such as poverty, unemployment and disability) act as significant drivers of racial disparities in food insecurity. In the BC COVID-19 SPEAK (58), the highest rates of concern for food security were found among people who did not identify with the racial/ethnic categories included in the survey (21.4%) and among people who identified as Black (19.9%). Data specific to First Nations, Inuit and Métis are not reported here, due to need for data sovereignty and community-led decision-making as the foundation of respectful relationships in health reporting (60).

Figure 10. Prevalence of people who reported concern for food security by race/ethnicity



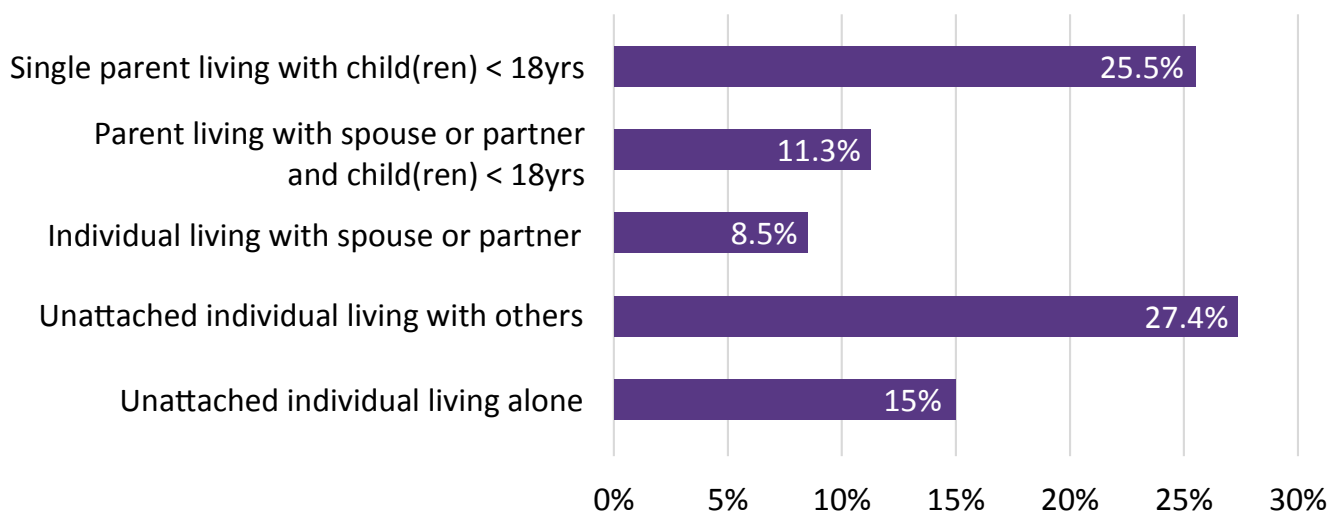
The prevalence of concern for food security differed based on people’s immigration status. People with no status or refugee claimants and those on work or study permits had the highest rates, at 47.3% and 32.3% respectively. This finding is consistent with Canadian studies which have shown that international students experience higher rates of food insecurity compared to their peers (61-63).

Figure 11. Prevalence of people who reported concern for food security by immigration status



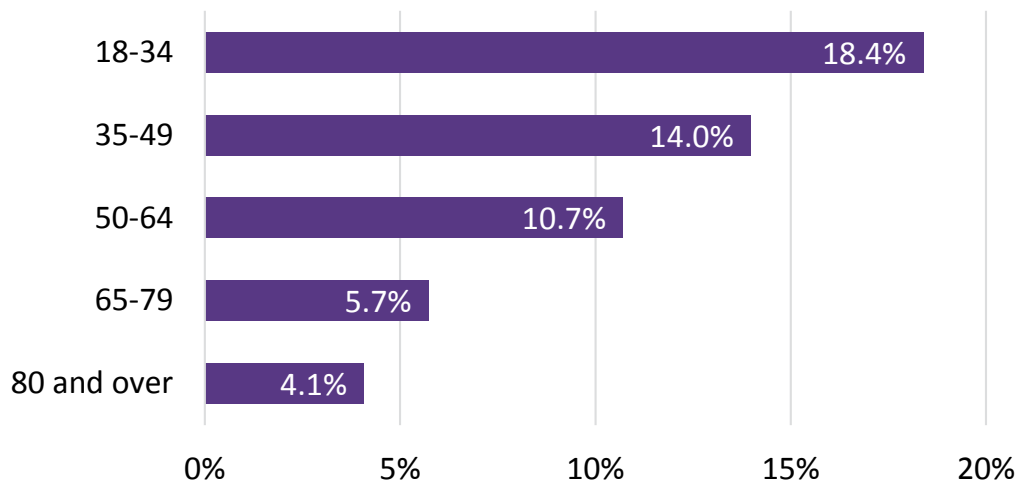
Rates of concern for food security differed by family composition. Prevalence was highest among unattached individuals living with others (27.4%) and single parents living with children under the age of 18 (25.5%). People living with a spouse or partner and no children had the lowest rate (8.5%).

Figure 12. Prevalence of people who reported concern for food security by family composition



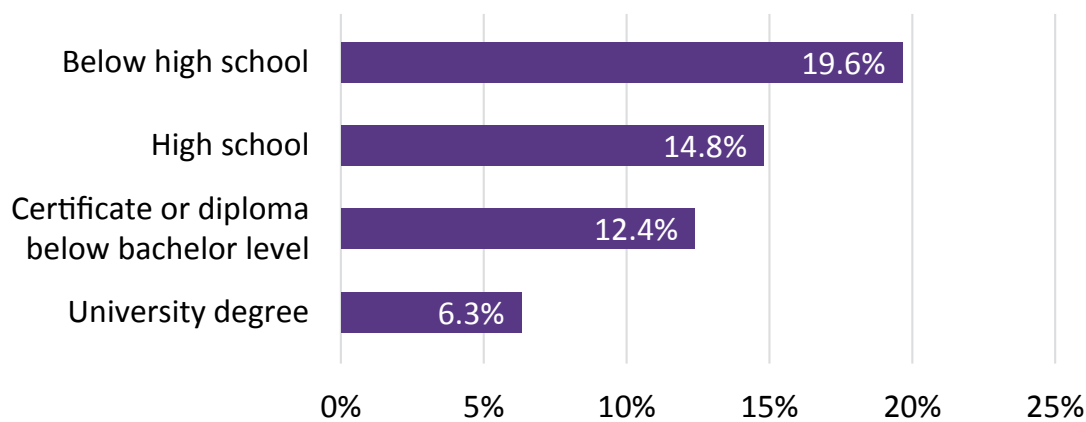
The prevalence of concern for food security was highest among those aged 18-34 and 35-49, at 18.4% and 14.0% respectively. Prevalence decreased with increasing age, with those in the age groups 65-79 and 80 and over having the lowest rates at 5.7% and 4.1% respectively.

Figure 13. Prevalence of people who reported concern for food security by age



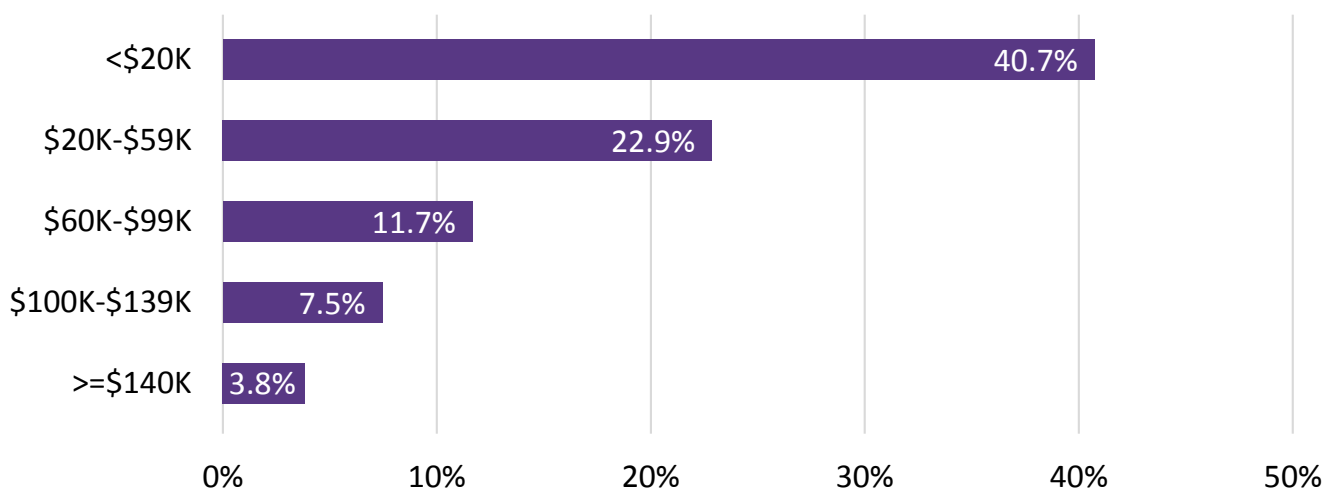
Prevalence of concern for food security also differed based on levels of formal education. While people with a university degree had the lowest prevalence (6.3%), 19.6% of people who did not complete high school and 14.8% of people for whom high school was the highest level of formal education completed reported concern for food security.

Figure 14. Prevalence of people who reported concern for food security by education



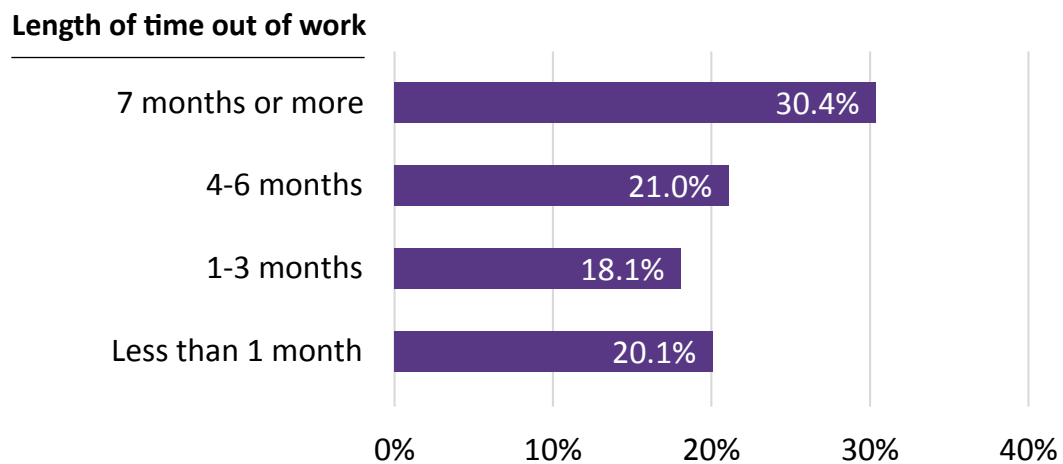
Similar to the CCHS data in this report, which showed that household food insecurity was more prevalent among people in households who were in the lowest quintiles of income distribution, concern for food security was most prevalent among respondents to the BC COVID-19 SPEAK (58) with the lowest annual household incomes. The highest prevalence of concern for food security was among people with household incomes less than \$20,000/year (40.7%) and between \$20,000-59,000/year (22.9%). The prevalence of concern for food security decreased as income increased, and the rate for those with incomes greater than \$60,000/year was lower than the overall provincial rate of 12.3%.

Figure 15. Prevalence of people who reported concern for food security by annual household income



People who experienced an employment change during the pandemic had higher rates of concern for food security compared to the overall rate in BC. The rate was highest among those who were out of work for 7 months or longer, at 30.4%. This finding is consistent with the data that has been reported elsewhere on food insecurity among those who were absent from work due to business closure, layoff or personal circumstances (57).

Figure 16. Prevalence of concern for food security among people experiencing an employment change during the COVID-19 pandemic



Summary of findings

- Analyses of 2017/2018 CCHS data show that 12.5% of people 12 years of age and over in BC lived in households experiencing food insecurity. These results are largely unchanged from the previous August 2016 report on household food insecurity in BC; however, changes in the sampling methods of the CCHS between 2015 and 2017/2018 limit the extent to which comparisons can be made over time.
- The sociodemographic profile of people living in food insecure households has remained largely unchanged since household food insecurity has been consistently monitored in Canada, and tracks with other social and economic markers of health and wellbeing. Those most likely to be food insecure include people in households with economic disadvantage and most impacted by the negative impacts of structural inequities. In the April/May 2021 BC COVID-19 SPEAK (58), racialized people, refugees, people without legal immigration status and those currently unemployed reported concern that food will run out before they have money to buy more at disproportionately high rates.
- The prevalence of food insecurity varied across the province in 2017/2018, with Northern and Interior Health regions experiencing the highest rates. The BC COVID-19 SPEAK (58) provides additional insights into the role of geographical region of residence. Remote regions had the highest rate of people reporting concerns about food security, while there were fewer differences between urban and rural areas.
- Results from this report suggest lower rates of positive perceived mental health for those who experience household food insecurity, and the negative impacts of household food insecurity on overall health are well documented elsewhere.

Discussion

Food insecurity in BC is a significant public health concern and a key indicator of health equity. When considered alongside other evidence on household food insecurity in Canada, our review of the literature and analysis of the CCHS 2017/2018 and the BC COVID-19 SPEAK (58), a survey of the experience of BC residents during the pandemic, support conclusions made elsewhere that dominant responses to food insecurity, such as charitable food responses, do not address the structural drivers nor the symptoms and outcomes of the issue. Only a small proportion of food insecure households utilize food banks, which were the focus of several policy initiatives to respond to the unintended and immediate consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is broadly recognized that reducing household food insecurity at a population level requires policies that improve household incomes. Recent Canadian evidence shows that household food insecurity is sensitive to policies that increase economic security, such as the Canada Child Benefit. More research is needed to examine the impact of income supports on household food insecurity, and ultimately, health, including relief measures that were implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic.

There is a need for accessible, consistent data on household food insecurity to monitor the extent of the issue and to evaluate health and social policy responses. Since 2004, Statistics Canada has systematically monitored household food insecurity at the household level using the Household Food Security Survey Module (HFSSM) in the Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS). Between 2015/2016 and 2021/2022, the HFSSM is included as 2-year themes in alternating biennial CCHS survey cycles. On the off cycles, it is optional content where the provinces and territories decide whether or not to collect the information for their jurisdiction. In BC, the health authorities and the Ministry of Health determine the optional content. In 2017/2018 and 2021/2022, HFSSM was 2-year theme content. In 2015/2016 and 2019/2020 when it was optional content, BC selected HFSSM for 2015/2016 but opted out for 2019/2020 in order to balance other data needs. Since 2019, food insecurity information has been collected in the Canadian Income Survey, an annual cross-sectional survey examining income and income sources of Canadians. More precise measurement of income will improve the monitoring and surveillance of one of the key drivers of household food insecurity and allow for evaluation of the impact of policies that improve economic security.

This report does not include analyses specific to Indigenous Peoples and recognizes limitations and gaps in data related to household food insecurity among Indigenous Peoples. It also acknowledges some of the limitations of income-based approaches to addressing the complex issue of food insecurity, particularly

within Indigenous contexts in which food security is inherently tied to food sovereignty and self-determination. Further work is required to better understand and centre Indigenous contexts and lived experiences in order to inform policies and programs to support food security for Indigenous Peoples in BC while respecting and upholding inherent rights.

Conclusion

This report is an update to the August 2016 *Priority health indicators for BC: Household food insecurity indicator report*. It includes household food insecurity data specific to BC from the 2017/2018 Canadian Community Health Survey, as well as data specific to concerns about food security during the COVID-19 pandemic. This report is part of BCCDC's commitment to ongoing monitoring and surveillance of household food insecurity in the province.

The data in this report demonstrate that household food insecurity continues to disproportionately affect people and households that are marginalized due to structural, social, economic and geographic inequities. The provincial rate of people living in households experiencing food insecurity is concerning given the known impacts of household food insecurity on health and wellbeing. The data and literature in this report are intended to increase understanding of the drivers of household food insecurity and inform evidence-based policy solutions that address the intersecting inequities at the root of household food insecurity.

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Appendix

95% Confidence Intervals (CI) for BC COVID-19 SPEAK Round 2 – 2021 data

Table 1

Food Security	%	95% CI
Food Secure	87.7	(87.1, 88.2)
Concern for food security	12.3	(11.8, 12.9)

Table 2 data for Figure 7

Health Authority	% with concern for food security	95% CI
Northern	15.5	(13.3, 17.7)
Vancouver Island	11.5	(10.8, 12.3)
Vancouver Coastal	11.1	(10.3, 11.9)
Fraser	12.9	(11.7, 14.1)
Interior	12.8	(11.9, 13.8)

Table 3 data for Figure 8

Health Service Delivery Area	% with concern for food security	95% CI
Central Vancouver Island	12.5	(11.0, 13.9)
East Kootenay	12.0	(9.6, 14.5)
Fraser East	13.9	(11.4, 16.4)
Fraser North	10.8	(9.6, 11.7)
Fraser South	14.3	(12.0, 16.6)
Kootenay Boundary	14.7	(11.9, 17.4)
North Shore/Coast Garibaldi	8.3	(7.4, 9.2)
North Vancouver Island	11.8	(9.8, 13.7)
Northeast	19.9	(15.2, 24.5)
Northern Interior	14.4	(11.3, 17.5)
Northwest	13.8	(9.5, 18.2)
Okanagan	11.9	(10.7, 13.1)
Richmond	16.0	(12.7, 19.3)
South Vancouver Island	10.8	(9.9, 11.7)
Thompson Cariboo Shuswap	14.1	(12.0, 16.1)
Vancouver	10.9	(9.9, 11.8)

Table 4 data for Figure 9

Community Health Service Area urban-rural classification	% with concern for food security	95% CI
Remote	16.9	(11.2, 22.6)
Rural	11.7	(10.7, 12.7)
Rural Hub	10.8	(9.6, 11.9)
Small Urban	12.2	(11.1, 13.4)
Medium Urban	11.7	(10.8, 12.6)
Large Urban	10.5	(9.7, 11.3)
Metropolitan	11.5	(10.9, 12.1)

Table 5 data for Figure 10

Race/Ethnicity	% with concern for food security	95% CI
White	10.0	(9.6, 10.3)
Chinese	12.4	(10.5, 14.3)
East and Southeast Asian (excluding Chinese)	14.3	(12.4, 16.3)
Arab and West Asian	16.0	(12.0, 20.0)
South Asian	17.8	(12.3, 23.2)
Latin American	18.2	(14.9, 21.5)
Black	19.9	(11.5, 28.2)
Other	21.4	(15.7, 27.1)

Table 6 data for Figure 11

Immigration Status	% with concern for food security	95% CI
Work or study permit	32.3	(22.2, 42.5)
Permanent resident	14.6	(12.0, 17.2)
No status or Refugee claimant	47.3	(19.4, 75.2)
Canadian citizen	12.0	(11.5, 12.5)

Table 7 data for Figure 12

Household Composition	% with concern for food security	95% CI
Unattached individual living alone	15.0	(13.8, 16.2)
Unattached individual living with others	27.4	(21.1, 33.6)
Individual living with spouse or partner	8.5	(8.0, 8.9)
Parent living with spouse or partner and child(ren) < 18yrs	11.3	(10.4, 12.2)
Single parent living with child(ren) < 18yrs	25.5	(20.1, 30.9)

Table 8 data for Figure 13

Age	% with concern for food security	95% CI
18-34	18.4	(17.3,19.5)
35-49	14.0	(12.9, 15.1)
50-64	10.7	(9.5, 11.9)
65-79	5.7	(5.0,6.4)
80 and over	4.1	(2.4, 5.8)

Table 9 data for Figure 14

Education	% with concern for food security	95% CI
Below high school	19.6	(13.9, 16.8)
High school	14.8	(13.8, 15.8)
Certificate or diploma below bachelor level	12.4	(11.9, 12.8)
University degree	6.3	(6.1, 6.6)

Table 10 data for Figure 15

Household Income	% with concern for food security	95% CI
<\$20K	40.7	(34.8, 45.7)
\$20K-\$59K	22.9	(21.2, 24.5)
\$60K-\$99K	11.7	(10.7, 12.6)
\$100K-\$139K	7.5	(6.8, 8.2)
>=\$140K	3.8	(3.3, 4.4)

Table 11 data for Figure 16

Employment Change (Length of time out of work)	% with concern for food security	95% CI
7 months or more	30.4	(28.4, 32.3)
4-6 months	21.0	(18.4, 23.5)
1-3 months	18.1	(16.4, 19.7)
Under 1 month	20.1	(17.5, 22.6)

Organization **West Kootenay Recreational Dirt Bike and ATV Society**

Registration # S0043250

1832 Pass Creek Rd, Castlegar BC V1N 4S6

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kootenay Motocross Bathroom Upgrades**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area B, RDCK Area C, RDCK Area D, RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, RDCK Area K, City of Nelson, Town of Creston, City of Castlegar

This project will take place at the Kootenay Motocross Track (KMX), which is located near the Bombi summit about halfway between Castlegar and Salmo, about 7km from the Highway 22 and Highway 3 junction, 1.5 km up a FSR.

At the KMX, the new outhouse facility will be located between the youth/beginner training facility and the main track. This will ensure easy accessibility and a central location for all participants and viewers. This location is also close to water lines so that cleaning is easy.

Importance to the community:

We have over 200 members, ranging in age from 5 to 65, from across the West and East Kootenay. Our members come from Nelson and Castlegar (16% each), 12% from RDCK Area H, 8% from RDCK Area B and 6% each from RDCK Area A and RDCK Areas C and G. We have regular day pass participation from all other areas of both regional districts.

This project will provide a more comfortable and sanitary setting for our local members and visitors. In 2023 we held three motocross races, one "hare scramble" and two skills clinics. Our races attracted between 70 and 130 riders. Through September we ran weekly ladies/kids nights with participation of 8-12 individuals. Our annual Tree Hugger hare scramble sees more than 140 participants from across BC. All users at both open track nights and planned races and events, as well as spectators, will benefit from this project.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 7/1/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$500.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$500.00		\$500.00		
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$4,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$4,000.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING	\$18,000.00

			REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	
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Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$18,000.00	\$26,033.00	\$26,033.00

1. The project will provide:

Over the next 3 years we want to grow our membership by encouraging and enabling more family participation at KMX. To achieve this we are planning to undertake upgrades to staging and facility services and youth track and trail options. This includes upgrading and relocating the bathroom facilities; improving access for safety; adding covered spaces with seating; improving the youth track so it better enables skill development across beginner and intermediate level riders; and constructing a beginner trail circuit.

As part of these larger facility upgrade plans, for this project component we are requesting funding to purchase and install a permanent high grade outhouse structure. This will replace two existing, run-down plywood outhouses. Leko Precast from Vernon BC will be engaged to complete this project. The bathroom facility will be the same standard as used in BC Park and Recreation Sites. Society volunteers will support installation as needed. In future years a second permanent outhouse will be installed.

2. Organization Mandate:

Founded in 2004, WKR DAS is the primary dirt bike club in the West Kootenay. The mandate of the society is to gain respect from others about the sport; educate individuals young and old on safe and responsible riding and land use; and to work together with others for joint use of trails, roads and open land. WKR DAS operates the Kootenay Motocross Track (KMX) and tree hugger trails and the Rover Creek trail network. We average an annual revenue of about \$40,000 coming primarily from memberships, day passes and event fees. Expenses are kept within revenue availability with occasional exception for major equipment purchases, such as in 2021 when we purchased a dozer for track maintenance.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

We have over 200 members, ranging in age from 5 to 65, from across the West and East Kootenay. Our members come from Nelson and Castlegar (16% each), 12% from RDCK Area H, 8% from RDKB Area B and 6% each from RDKB Area A and RDCK Areas C and G. We have regular day pass participation from all other areas of both regional districts.

This project will provide a more comfortable and sanitary setting for our local members and visitors. In 2023 we held three motocross races, one "hare scramble" and two skills clinics. Our races attracted between 70 and 130 riders. Through September we ran weekly ladies/kids nights with participation of 8-12 individuals. Our annual Tree Hugger hare scramble sees more than 140 participants from across BC. All users at both open track nights and planned races and events, as well as spectators, will benefit from this project.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The current track facilities are very basic. There are two existing outhouse structures that are in poor condition and poorly located. They are constructed out of plywood making them difficult to clean and kept free of critters. As usership increases it is crucial for sanitation and comfort to have better facilities. In 2023 we had 299 racers, plus

Project: Kootenay Motocross Bathroom Upgrades

spectators, over three events. A higher standard bathroom facility is critical for accommodating this kind of visitation and usage, and ensuring sanitary conditions onsite.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

WKR DAS operates the KMX and tree hugger trails and the Rover Creek trail network. KMX is a volunteer run motocross track and Trail system. KMX Features a full MX Track, Kids MX Track and a 23km trail loop. Rover Creek has ~50km of trails. We have been successfully maintaining these facilities as volunteers since 2004 and are confident in our long term ability to deliver on this project. We maintain a license of occupation with the Provincial government for the maintenance and operation of the KMX track and trails, and a water license for our watering system. The trails at Rover Creek are managed through a BC Rec Sites and Trails partnership agreement.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The project will be led by board member Floyd Babiak with support from president Jessica Foster. Vernon based Leko Precast will prepare, deliver and install all materials and supplies. Society volunteers will assist as needed.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Project co-ordination will be volunteer in-kind time.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



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Stock Code	Description	Weight	Quantity	Unit Price	Extended
P2000	Parks Style Toilet Building (No Floor Slab)	12,280	1.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
P2001	6'4" x 9' 6" Parks Concrete Floor Slab (Vault)	3,700	1.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
P2007	750 Gallon Capacity Vault	4,500	1.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
P2020	On Site Assembly/Setup	0	1.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
DLT	Delivery - Truck and Trailer , LOA (Ootischenia, BC)	0	1.00	5,900.00	5,900.00

Leko Precast shall not be responsible for site excavation and backfill. Customer to supply clean, compactable 3/4" minus onsite prior to vault installation by Leko Precast (approximately 18 cubic yards per vault).

Cost of delivery and LOA subject to change depending on location and quantity of buildings ordered.

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February 18, 2024

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This letter provides clearance information for the purposes of Section 258 of the Workers Compensation Act.

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Organization **Wildsight**

Registration # 134892496RR0001

2-495 Wallinger Avenue, Kimberley BC V1A 1Z6

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Wildsight: Classroom with Outdoors**

Project will be located in: City of Nelson, City of Castlegar, Village of Salmo

Nelson: 4 Classroom with Outdoors Programs

Castlegar: 4 Classroom with Outdoors Programs

Salmo: 1 Classroom with Outdoors Program

Importance to the community:

To care for the natural world, young people have to care about it. Growing up surrounded by mountains, lakes and rivers, Kootenay kids quickly learn nature is an incredible force. But as climate change amps up, our younger generation needs to learn to love rather than fear the wilderness around them. Classroom with Outdoors provides our communities' young people with invaluable knowledge, skills and experiences needed to fearlessly participate in a more sustainable future. Funding for Classroom with Outdoors will directly benefit 216 young people in the communities of Nelson, Salmo, Castlegar, their teachers, and the aforementioned communities.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 9/12/2024 Project End: 6/23/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
		\$375.00		
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$3,375.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$3,375.00	\$4,050.00	\$4,050.00

Project: Wildsight: Classroom with Outdoors**1. The project will provide:**

Classroom with Outdoors offers intermediate students (Grades 4-7) the opportunity to get outside, connect to the natural world and learn to appreciate the importance of healthy ecosystems through a day-long field trip to their local grassland, wetland or forest. Each Classroom with program is rooted deeply in place, connects to Indigenous ways of knowing and builds ecological literacy among our youth. Classroom with Outdoors programs provide a stepping stone for young people to become stewards of the special places they live and help to develop a passion to protect the natural world.

Our climate is changing. Children and youth of our region are the first generation to come of age while navigating this challenge. Wildfire, flooding, landslides, drought, rapidly melting glaciers: these impacts are happening in real time across all of our communities. While Classroom with Outdoors stays grounded in this truth, it is designed to strike a balance, to help students imagine a future they want to be a part of, one that is clean, safe and thriving. The knowledge, skills and experiences gained through a Classroom with Outdoors program not only inspire youth to feel part of the greater landscape, they empower a younger generation to feel part of the solution. Funding will be used to deliver 9 Classroom with Outdoors programs in Salmo, Nelson and Castlegar.

2. Organization Mandate:**Our Vision**

We envision a landscape with free-running streams and rivers of pure water, extensive and connected wild spaces and natural habitat that maintains the full complement of indigenous plants and wildlife. We see healthy human communities thriving with sustainable livelihoods and lifestyles based on a conservation ethic.

Our Mission

Wildsight works locally, regionally and globally to protect biodiversity and encourage sustainable communities in Canada's Columbia and Rocky Mountain regions.

Wildsight's approach is unique. We not only work to shape and influence land-use decisions, but we guide practice and steward change on the ground. We work with industry, scientists and all levels of government, including First Nations. We partner with other local, provincial, national and international conservation organizations to achieve our goals.

For 30 years, Wildsight has been recognized as a leader in large-scale conservation, sustainable community initiatives and environmental education. While our work focuses on the Kootenay region, and has received recognition from the communities in which we work, we are renowned throughout the province and across Canada for our effective conservation programs, excellence and innovation in all that we do.

At our heart, we are a grassroots organization, harnessing our power from the people whose lives affect and are affected by our work. We strive to inspire a conservation ethic in our children and in our communities so that the future leaders of tomorrow will be equipped to deal with the challenges of sustainability.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

To care for the natural world, young people have to care about it. Growing up surrounded by mountains, lakes and rivers, Kootenay kids quickly learn nature is an incredible force. But as climate change amps up, our younger generation needs to learn to love rather than fear the wilderness around them. Classroom with Outdoors provides our communities' young people with invaluable knowledge, skills and experiences needed to fearlessly participate in a more sustainable future. Funding for Classroom with Outdoors will directly benefit 216 young people in the communities of Nelson, Salmo, Castlegar, their teachers, and the aforementioned communities.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Project: Wildsight: Classroom with Outdoors

A recent study out of Selkirk College found youth in the Kootenay region are experiencing climate-related mental health issues more acutely than the international average. For example, 78% of Kootenay youth indicated they were very worried about the climate crisis - 18% higher than youth polled around the world. 81% indicated their concerns were dismissed or ignored, adding to a greater sense of isolation, and 81% felt people had failed to take care of the planet.

The Kootenays have been rated by global scientists as providing one of the best opportunities on the planet for successfully addressing the impacts of climate change. Classroom with Outdoors help young people navigate the current climate crisis by giving them a direct line to this opportunity.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

Ever since our first field trip over two decades ago, Wildsight has been there for our schools and communities. We listen to needs, observe gaps and design programs in response to the most complex environmental issues. And because the environment doesn't exist in a silo, neither do our programs. We build ecological literacy and boost personal resilience, from early childhood through to young adulthood. Not only do we invite learners to deepen their relationship to place, we also remove barriers to receiving the profound benefits of being active outdoors.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Our Wildsight education team and our local educators, Jess Williams, Monica Nissen & Genna Lazier, will be implementing and coordinating this project. They will be delivering 9 Classroom with Outdoors programs to approximately 216 students in Nelson, Castlegar & Salmo.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes****11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

Teacher support - 9 programs * 5 hours * \$25/hr = \$1,125

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Wildsight Education Teacher Testimonials

It [Classroom with Outdoors] helps incorporate curricular competencies and core competencies by offering a unique and open learning environment where students can engage in skills practice that is more challenging to create in a classroom setting. - Julie Pelley, Kimberley Independent School, Kimberley

Having a passionate guide like Jess brought out excitement in the kids. Some were talking about bringing their families there on the upcoming weekend. I really push the benefits of daily physical activity (as does the curriculum) and what better way than having kids continue that in their free time, outdoors and with the ones they love. - Kirsten Renz, Kinnaird Elementary, Castlegar

Many things in today's world are one-offs or instant. The chance to have an ongoing relationship between a class and a Wildsight educator [would allow] allows things to be pondered, evolve, questioned, and take a journey more akin to travelling on a twisty river. The learning is deeper, more meaningful and the connections that students make to local environments are stronger. - Matthias Starzner, Rossland Summit School, Rossland

Loved the balance between learning in the classroom as preparation for our outdoor adventures and then heading outside. Discussions, videos, artifacts shared to help kids gain prior knowledge before heading out in the field. We all loved touching and seeing the huge caribou hide that Wildsight Educator Dave Quinn brought into the classroom! I will definitely be pointing out the importance of lichen on our walks in the forest and reviewing the importance of maintaining, preserving and keeping our ecosystems clean and showing respect for the plants and animals therein. - Monica Vording, School Cranbrook

The combination of interactive learning, real-world relevance, inspiring role models, collaborative activities, field trips and engaging presenters made this educational experience both enjoyable and impactful. - Kiah Davidson, Columbia Park Elementary

This program will give students the opportunity to work together in their local community to contribute to change that is important to them. This is increasingly important as many young students become overwhelmed by the climate crisis and their inability to feel as though they are contributing to positive changes. - Adrienne Demers, Kootenay Discovery School

It allows us to go out into our community to learn about the resources, biodiversity, and problems we have locally. By spending time in our local environment, we develop a deeper understanding and love for it - I believe this naturally leads to us wanting to protect it and share our information with others around the community. I would be unable to build this kind of connection to the natural world without the support from Wildsight. - Anne Brothers, Castlegar

Wildsight Environmental Education programs are a huge bonus for our students, teachers, and community. The learning provided is a ripple effect of knowledge that spreads to families. These programs create young critical thinkers and positive young minded citizens that want to help sustain our area and world to become better. They learn great leadership skills! With hands-on experiences of the lessons these kids become hooked! Very beneficial! - Ricki Thomson, Gordon Terrace, Cranbrook

Exposing students to nature early on is really important so they learn an appreciation for the land they live on. When students have an understanding of ecosystem diversity they develop an appreciation for wild places and an ethic in stewardship. Some teachers do not feel confident in teaching outdoors, therefore they do not take their students on outdoor education field trips. Wildsight Education programs help take that burden off of teachers and provide us with additional resources to continue the learning. Truly invaluable! - Danielle Sonntag, Adam Robertson Elementary, Creston

Society is a pivotal point in human history in terms of climate changes and environmental governance. Students are the leaders of the future who will impact countless other people's lives and if they are able to form values connected to social responsibility and environmental stewardship in their young education then they will spread those positive ideas throughout their lives. To make a difference we have to look ahead and plan better for the long term. Learning about these topics as a child is extremely important for understanding the world that they are growing up into. - Jordan Hein, Lady Grey Elementary, Golden

We just can't teach fast enough to get our communities and children 'Climate Ready'. - Gillian Cooper, Erikson Elementary, Erikson

By supporting the program, funders contribute to shaping environmentally literate and proactive citizens who can address the pressing environmental challenges of our time. Furthermore, funders' support enables the program to provide valuable resources, professional development for teachers, and opportunities for community engagement. - Dustin Winzer, Valemount Elementary, Valemount

By educating our students about the importance of nature and providing authentic, inquiry-based outdoor educational experiences that they enjoy, we are building on the important value of respecting and taking care of our planet and each other. They will grow to share this awareness and value with others. - Kate Running, Twin Rivers Elementary School, Castlegar

Organization **Castlegar and District Community Services Society**

Registration #

1007 2nd Street, Castlegar BC V1N 1Y4

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **West Kootenay Driver Program 2024**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, City of Castlegar

The program operates all over the West Kootenays. There are some other volunteer driver programs however our program serves the widest catchment area and the most clients. We accept clients and will transport clients from Castlegar, Trail, Nelson, RDCK Area D, E, F,G,H,I,J, K and we also will travel to and return from Vernon, Revelstoke and Kelowna.

Importance to the community:

This program has a significant impact on our communities. It is hard to imagine what our communities would be without this type of service. Unfortunately our communities are severely lacking in accessible transportation, both in the public sphere and also in a customized/care areas like transportation to and from medical appointments. In Castlegar, there is only one busy cab and the price is unaffordable for many. Our whole community benefits from the program. Firstly, the clients in need of medical and health supports because they are able to attend their commitments, the volunteers through providing these services, friends and family of the clients as they now do not have to worry about their loved ones who are now able to attend appointments. Many families do not have the means to support their relatives and they feel tremendous responsibility and guilt if they can't support to get them there.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/16/2024 Project End: 3/31/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			\$500.00	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$3,000.00		\$2,000.00		\$500.00
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$8,000.00		\$4,000.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$23,500.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$23,500.00	\$59,000.00	\$59,000.00

1. The project will provide:

The West Kootenay Driver Program will provide daytime, Monday to Friday, volunteer driver services for citizens of Trail, Castlegar, Nelson, Nakusp, and surrounding areas who are unable to access transportation to attend medical appointments. The service is intended for essential, non-emergency appointments only. Main program outcome is community members being able to attend medical service appointments. The people using this service would otherwise be challenged to make these appointments or not attend at all. Another benefit is providing volunteer opportunities and connecting members of the community. The program achieves its goals by hiring a Program Coordinator who recruits and maintains a pool of volunteer drivers from different communities, meets clients in need, coordinates drives between drivers and oversees the administration of the program. Clients are charged on a sliding scale based on financial need; sometimes free or range up to a small fee per drive depending on income. Some clients receive subsidies through Interior Health to pay for a portion of their drives. The volunteer drivers are offered flat fees per trip to cover mileage. We are operating the program currently, so we are not in need of start-up costs. However due to a gap in funding, we are in need of financial support to pay for subsidies for clients, payments for volunteer drivers and client expenses, and program supplies.

2. Organization Mandate:

We improve the quality of people's lives by providing assistance, counselling and support, and by working for social change in our communities.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Many issues are being addressed with this program, firstly being the lack of transportation services for our communities in the West Kootenays. Many people do not have the means or ability to drive themselves to and from commitments. Not every city has the necessary equipment and resources that individuals need for medical reasons, therefore many are needing to go back and forth between cities. Other issues being addressed are poverty. Opportunities being addressed are primarily volunteerism and enabling seniors to stay in their homes longer. The program provides meaningful positions to people in the community wanting to help out and the drives allow someone to continue living where they may have, their whole life, and not relocate to be closer to medical services. Handy Dart is a similar service however, it only drives within communities, not between cities and has limited hours.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

Castlegar and District is best suited to deliver this project as we are already running the program and we require no start up costs. Additionally we have a long history of running this program, our coordinators and drivers know these

Project: West Kootenay Driver Program 2024

communities and clients. They have built interpersonal relationships. We have accumulated knowledge of how to best run volunteer driver programs in and throughout each community. Been doing it since 2006 and expanding area out

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The hired Program Coordinator, contracted Volunteer Drivers, the Executive Director of CDCSS (oversight) and administration and Finance staff to support the program. They are available to answer inquiries of the program by phone or in-person, and process payments to drivers and collect fees that come in from a portion of the rides.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

There is a lot of administration involved with this project that there is little funding to cover - like utilities, mortgage payments, phone bills, internet and the organization pays for most of these costs. Staff also promote the event at different avenues and their time is donated. Volunteers are also not reimbursed their whole mileage when they do drives, so the gas not covered is donated and also their time doing the drives and coordinating their schedules.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Castlegar Golf Club**

Registration # S0005438

1602 Aaron Road, Castlegar British Columbia V1N 4L6

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Facility Upgrades**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area J, City of Castlegar

The project will take place at the Clubhouse at 1602 Aaron Road, Castlegar.

Importance to the community:

The Castlegar Golf Club is truly a venue that looks beyond its borders and invites community groups to host their fundraiser events every year. Over the years, our facilities have hosted the following groups on an ongoing basis; The Castlegar Hospice Fundraiser, Kootenay Art Gallery Fundraiser, Castlegar Rebels Fundraiser, Selkirk College Junior Golf Camp, Castlegar Sunshine Rotary Club, Royal Canadian Legion, community fundraiser, various community staff parties, several celebrations of life and funerals, weddings, and various senior homes that bring residents to the clubhouse. Our facility is also a large economic driver, drawing tourists from the US, BC, Canada for our championship golf facility and regularly hosts provincial, regional and local competitions.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 9/30/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$9,750.00				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$5,750.00			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$15,500.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$15,500.00	\$46,980.80	\$46,980.80

1. The project will provide:

This project would include installing bear resistant garbage cans at the RV Park, expanding the storage shed on the back deck with bear-proofing, new picnic tables for RV park, new emergency exit door in main clubhouse.

2. Organization Mandate:

The activities of the Castlegar Golf Club focus on creating an environmentally friendly, safe and fun atmosphere for all ages to enjoy the game of golf and to stay active. We pride ourselves on encouraging the use of our facility as a venue for community group events and fundraisers.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

This would ensure that bears would not be able to get into the bins at the RV Park to reduce wildlife human conflict, increase capacity of the current storage shed and add measures to reduce wildlife conflict. Also to replace the emergency exit door that is more energy efficient and has modern hardware. Bear-Human and wildlife conflict is an issue at the golf course that we are striving to reduce. We understand that garbage conditioned bears in many cases get euthanized because of their habits and we want to be proactive. We have over the years replaced many garbage receptacles on the course but we want to extend that to the RV park that is open to the public.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

We have a great volunteer membership with skillsets in the trades, contracting and construction. Along with our administration staff, our team is very experienced and capable of managing this project. We have and continue to execute on upgrade projects regularly. Our board of directors are hand-on and have experience in a multitude of industries that routinely manage capital infrastructure projects.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The work would be done by local businesses and volunteer labour.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Volunteer Labour as described above. Material Donations.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Slocan Waterfront Society**

Registration # S0065799

P.O. Box #205, Slocan BC V0G 2C0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kokanee hatchery for Slocan - Kootenay Lake**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area H, Village of Slocan

This is all within a purpose build container beside Springer Creek, in either the village of Slocan or in the Area H portion beside Springer Creek on the East side of Highway #6, TBD.

Importance to the community:

As Slocan Lake is an oligotrophic lake, fish really need their natural floodplains in order to survive. Unfortunately the floodplain is where we build our villages, so by bringing in a small hatchery, we will be replicating natural systems, in order to raise much needed fish. Eventually there will be a few part-time jobs for locals, ensuring the viability of this hatchery and increasing local food and job security.

Work Plan Dates:

Project Start: 5/21/2024

Project End: 6/29/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
			\$8,000.00	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
	\$8,000.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$26,000.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$26,000.00	\$76,000.00	\$76,000.00

Project: Kokanee hatchery for Slocan - Kootenay Lake**1. The project will provide:**

This is the start of a long over due restocking help for our local fish communities. That were cut off from their traditional spawning grounds because habitat destruction and dams.

By installing an off-grid hatchery, we will be able to augment our local fish communities for the benefit of all species. Thus, increasing our local food security. We will grow our own Kokanee fish, and release them at the optimal age into Springer Creek, which used to be the primary fish spawning habitat on Slocan Lake. By getting this funding, we will be able to leverage it and get other funding to actually get a hatchery in a box set up near Slocan, with installed solar panels be set up as a low tech, secure, fish raising facility.

2. Organization Mandate:

With respect for the value, both now and to future generations, of thriving ecologies and resilient local economies, our mission is: To facilitate the restoration of the Slocan Lake Waterfront including Springer creek, (as it flows thru culverts in the old mill site) in conjunction with the development of sustainable business activities befitting the unique beauty, history and ecological significance of historic Slocan Bay. Research and promote the day lighting of Springer Creek on the former mill site. .ECOLOGICALLY AND SOCIALLY MINDFUL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, Engagement and inform, Organize frequent public events in Slocan to build community awareness of the history, ecological significance and social importance of Slocan Bay waterfront. Research low-carbon and low impact development possibilities, particularly those that provide quality jobs for Slocan area residents. ENABLE Promote local and regional food sustainability initiatives as part of site redevelopment. GENERAL Seek appropriate granting and pursue other fundraising possibilities to realize our purposes. Seek collaboration and partnerships with like-minded organizations at all levels in pursuing common goals.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

As Slocan Lake is an oligotrophic lake, fish really need their natural floodplains in order to survive. Unfortunately the floodplain is where we build our villages, so by bringing in a small hatchery, we will be replicating natural systems, in order to raise much needed fish. Eventually there will be a few part-time jobs for locals, ensuring the viability of this hatchery and increasing local food and job security.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

At issue is the lack of fish in Slocan Lake and Slocan River, and the fact that Kokanee fish cannot successfully reproduce enough fish in the Kootenay reservoir to stop the Kokanee fish communities from collapsing, regularly. By providing more Fish fingerlings, we are growing the next generation of fish, for other fish to eat, and other animals, including humans too. "Kokanee eggs feed dippers and ducks to name just a few while bears, raccoons, eagles and several other animals eat the adults and fry. The dead fish fertilize the surrounding forest."

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

Slocan Waterfront Society was formed to do this type of work, we have been educating ourselves to increase our capacity. We like many others got thrown off by covid and sadly, by society member deaths, but we are coming back and feel up to this task in 2024 and beyond!

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Project: Kokanee hatchery for Slocan - Kootenay Lake

Many Folks, the Slocan Waterfront Society will be buying the hatchery from ONA, they will instruct us how to manage the technology, etc. Many locals will help in the installation and daily checks, and at Fish release time! If the village of Slocan allows this on their lands, then we would partner with them. Otherwise it will go on Area H land and we would then partner with the RDCK.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes

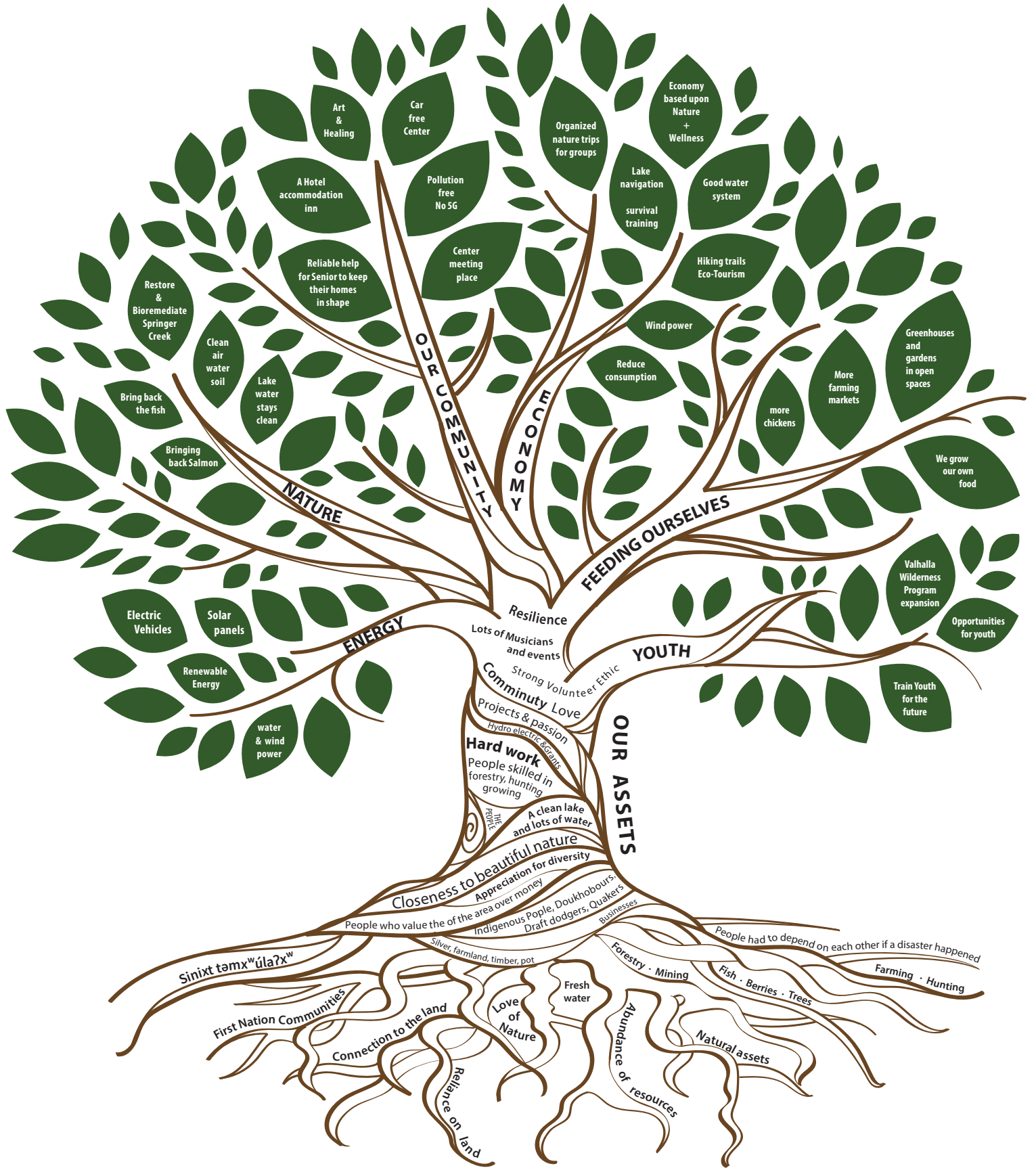
11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Many, many volunteer hours by many Folks. Because most of us want to see the Fish return.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

OUR VISION



OUR ROOTS

Engaging in the future of our community

By the Slocan Waterfront Society.

At our last Official Community Planning (OCP) meeting about ten years ago, it was clear that most of us choose to live here because of the natural beauty, pristine nature, and quiet lifestyle. Luckily the Corporation of the Village of Slocan thinks along the same lines, and signed the Climate Action Charter in 2008 to become completely carbon neutral by 2050. This number still seems a long way off, but we have targets to meet by 2030, and sadly as a province and a country so far, we are failing, our emissions have gone up instead of down. Our emissions in the Slocan valley come from transportation, and the heating of our homes and buildings and our waste. Sadly, due to exploitive logging practices now the logging of our forests gives off more GHG emissions than released by fossil fuel emissions in all of 2017. Environment Ministry.

At that meeting years ago, we all agreed that the climate is changing. The Village of Slocan Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 616 calls to “Encourage a local action plan towards a sustainable society and adaption to the effects of climate change.” Other agreements were that most of us loved Slocan and growing food. By making different choices to be more sustainable included, driving less and carpooling, taking the bus. Other suggestions from the group included drying clothes on the line, not in a dryer. Planting a garden. Recycle more, use a shovel not a snowblower in the winter. Insulate your house, change your windows to double paned (they are RDCK and Provincial grants and rebates available.) Community gardens were suggested, so glad WEGCCS Fran and Leela are doing that this year!

In September 2019, the Slocan Waterfront Society organized the *Making Connections: Renewable & Resilient Slocan*, a community interactive workshop to envision Slocan’s future together, which was well attended by about 40 residents. Mayor Jessica Lunn opened the event and asked the participants “What kind of future do we want to create?”. Presenter Dr. Lily Yumagulova, a Slocan resident with global experience in resilience planning, presented many examples of small villages and towns reinventing themselves in a good way for all:

Jerome, Arizona lost 97% of its population after the collapse of its mining industry, reinvented itself as a tourist-attracting arts centre. Gudvangen, Norway a remote village is now home to the Viking Valley, one of the “most-visited cultural attractions in Norway”. Portmeirion Village in Wales, a booming tourist attraction, was developed to show how a naturally beautiful location could be developed without spoiling nature but enhancing it. Tofino, BC marketed its cold, wet winter season into a storm-watching season. Leavenworth, Washington a rundown mill-town reinvented itself as a “little Bavarian town” and attracts many tourists. Lac Megantic, Quebec, after a devastating train explosion rebuilt as a green, connected, and compassionate community. Detroit, U.S.A. was a ghost town after industries closed, and a food desert. “One person woke up and they were determined to make change”. Now Detroit has hundreds of small gardens and farms and feeds its citizens healthy food. In Peterborough, Ontario, they produce their own energy, run their own utility, and give energy incentives for low-income folks and students, through a community run Green Up program.

“What do we need to make us more resilient?” – this was the question at the heart of the workshop. These are some of the examples we came up with (please see the beautiful tree that captures the voices and visions expressed by workshop participants):

1. Energy: Electric Vehicles; Solar panels on all homes; local jobs to reduce commuting;
2. Nature: Clean air / water / soil; Restore & Bioremediate Springer Creek;
3. Youth: expansion of the Valhalla Wilderness Program at WE Graham Community School; Opportunities for youth; Train Youth for the future.
- 4) Feeding ourselves: We grow our own food; Greenhouses and gardens in open spaces;
Our community: A hotel, inn, accommodation; Car free centre; Reliable help for Seniors to keep them and their homes in shape; a Centre meeting place; Arts & Healing centre;
- 5) Economy: an Economy based upon Nature + Wellness; Reduce consumption; Organized nature trips for groups, lake navigation, survival training; Good water systems, No marina, Wind power, more hiking trails, ecotourism.

Slocan needs a clear and simple vision with clear policies. A self-sustaining vision with environmental and economic objectives. Looking forward to the future and the shaping of it, and it would be good for all of us to remember why we live here. It was for the natural beauty and fresh air and good kind neighbours.

With the purchase of the mill site, the Village will be conducting engagement sessions to inform the Official Community Plan update. Please come out when times are favorable for the new Official Community Planning and help shape the future. Let's make a sustainable difference!

In closing, thanks to community funding from the RDCK CBT, and to Kathy's cuisine for the fabulous healthy, local food! SWS, just gave away Swallow and Chickadee houses, soon we will have more and Bat houses too, stay tuned into the Valley Voice for updates.
Happy Summer to you all.

Norman Johnson <njohnson@syilx.org>

Feb 7, 2022, 12:03 PM

to me

Good Morning Denise

I will need to review our costs, as we have had a few large price jumps in the last year. The price will be somewhere between \$55-\$60,000 but is dependent upon the equipment that you require inside.

Our model SHU-100 is delivered to your site as a "plug and play" unit. You will need to hook up a water supply (25 gpm max) and electrical (110V 15-30 amp). We provide connection points on the outside wall of the HIB.

The SHU 100 will raise 100 kilograms of fry from egg to the size you need. This means 100,000 at one gram or 25,000 at four grams.

The equipment provided is :

20 foot steel seacan with an steel side door added

- Exterior styro insulation with vinyl siding
- Interior styro insulation with washable fiberglass paneling
- Spray foam on the ceiling and the back doors
- Vinyl flooring

Two Heath tray egg incubators

Two 6 ft round fiberglass rearing tanks

GFI interior plugs, two 4 ft LED lights, one photoperiod light, one humidistat controlled exhaust fan

Custom alarm system (wifi, Cloud hosted) with SMS text and email callouts

Custom oxygen system with automatic on solenoid for emergencies

Custom aerators and spray bars for the rearing tanks

Health Management Plan

Full suite of Standard Operating Protocols (SOP's)

Delivery to site (end of road only)

We have recently been selling a recirculating chilled water incubation system to allow the rearing cycle to match the wild fish timing. This is an extra cost.

Email or call if you need more information

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Organization **Kootenay Emergency Response Physicians Association**

Registration # BN 769710328 RR 0001

Box 14, 518 Lake Street, Nelson British Columbia V1L 4C6

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Strengthening the Heart of the Kootenays: KERPA's Emergency Response Boost**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, City of Nelson, City of Castlegar, Village of Salmo, Village of Kaslo

This project will span across the electoral areas of Nelson and the surrounding region, encompassing the 11 electoral areas (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K) & nine member municipalities within KERPA's mandate. The project aims to improve our emergency response coverage & service efficiency for residents across the broader Kootenay region, fostering a more resilient and responsive healthcare system in both urban & rural communities.. Specifically, the RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, City of Nelson, City of Castlegar, Village of Salmo & Village of Kaslo.

Importance to the community:

This project is instrumental for the residents of communities & areas we serve, as it significantly enhances KERPA's emergency response capabilities. The proposed upgrades ensure that our emergency response vehicle ('ERV2') & medical equipment are optimally maintained, directly benefiting residents in rural and urban settings alike.

In rural areas, where access to timely medical assistance is often challenging, the improvements will result in quicker response times & increased capacity for advanced medical interventions. By securing funding for this project, we ensure that all community members, regardless of their location, have equitable access to enhanced emergency medical care, addressing the specific needs of the diverse regions served by KERPA.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/1/2024 Project End: 9/1/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
			\$2,500.00	
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00	\$1,250.00		\$1,250.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$3,000.00				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$3,200.00		\$3,200.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING	\$20,800.00

			REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	
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Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$20,800.00	\$20,800.00	\$20,800.00

1. The project will provide:

Our project is a multifaceted initiative aimed at fortifying our emergency response capabilities & infrastructure in the Kootenays. We are strategically focused on these key areas:

V-Scan Technology: Introducing advanced V-Scan technology ensures our volunteer physicians have cutting-edge diagnostic capabilities during emergencies, expediting on-site assessments & improving patient outcomes.

Body Armour & Ballistic Helmets: Enhancing the safety of our emergency responders is paramount. The grant will fund state-of-the-art body armour & ballistic helmets, providing crucial protection during high-risk situations.

Office Furniture: With our planned expansion into Castlegar in 2024, the grant will support the purchase of necessary office furniture.

Medicine & Equipment: The funding will be instrumental in acquiring advanced medicines & medical equipment, including kit bags, allowing our physicians to deliver comprehensive & effective care in various emergency scenarios.

Survival Equipment & Truck Maintenance Equipment: Investing in survival equipment & truck maintenance tools is crucial for sustaining our emergency response fleet, ensuring they are well-equipped & operational for any mission.

This comprehensive approach addresses critical needs, from cutting-edge medical technology to personnel support, ultimately strengthening KERPA's ability to provide timely and effective emergency care in our region.

2. Organization Mandate:

Founded by Dr. Nic Sparrow in 2016, Kootenay Emergency Response Physicians Association (KERPA) is a registered charity with a clear mission: saving lives and assisting the most critically ill and injured patients in West Kootenay communities while supporting emergency services. Currently in its 9th year, KERPA operates as a Canadian Registered Charity, dedicating its efforts to the Kootenay Region.

KERPA's unique approach involves dispatching volunteer EMS physicians in a dedicated ground unit equipped with advanced medications and state-of-the-art tools, enabling critical interventions like anaesthetic and surgical procedures at the roadside. The organization selectively responds to life-threatening 911 calls within the region's 11 electoral areas and nine member municipalities, attending to various emergencies ranging from motor vehicle accidents to cardiac arrests.

With a comprehensive Surface Standards Policy Document, KERPA underscores its commitment to the local community and patients in emergency responses. The policy emphasizes the high standards expected of ERP vehicle operators, reminding them to consistently uphold their role as public servants dedicated to saving lives, assisting critically ill and injured patients, and supporting emergency services. This commitment defines KERPA's unwavering dedication to its mission.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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In rural areas, where access to timely medical assistance is often challenging, the improvements will result in quicker response times & increased capacity for advanced medical interventions. By securing funding for this project, we ensure that all community members, regardless of their location, have equitable access to enhanced emergency medical care, addressing the specific needs of the diverse regions served by KERPA.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The grant addresses several vital issues, gaps & opportunities within KERPA's emergency response framework. KERPA's volunteers' firsthand experiences have uniquely positioned them to identify the pressing need for the resources we are seeking funding for in this proposal.

The acquisition of the V-Scan technology modernizes our diagnostic capabilities & expedites on-site assessments. Investment in body armour & ballistic helmets enhances the safety of our emergency responders, recognizing the potential risks they face.

The expansion into Castlegar presents an opportunity to establish a secondary dispatch hub, requiring the purchase of essential office furniture. Additionally, funding for medicine & life-saving tools & equipment ensures comprehensive, efficient emergency care delivery. The allocation for survival & truck maintenance equipment fortifies our emergency response fleet, addressing concerns of equipment readiness & vehicle maintenance.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

KERPA stands out as the most suitable organization for this project due to our extensive track record in delivering successful emergency medical services in the Kootenays. Our proposal is specifically aligned with our work. With a proven history of operational efficiency, our dedicated team, composed of skilled volunteer emergency responders, possesses the expertise needed for seamless project execution.

Our existing partnerships with local authorities & healthcare institutions further amplify our capacity to implement & manage the proposed upgrades. KERPA's in-depth understanding of the region's specific needs & our established infrastructure uniquely position us to ensure the success of this vital project, enhancing emergency response capabilities for the residents we serve.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

Dr. Nicholas Sparrow, as President & Medical Director, takes a leading role in overseeing operations and collaborates closely with Mr. Kai Schirp, KERPA's Vice-President. Mr. Schirp is instrumental in spearheading initiatives to enhance our emergency response vehicle and medical equipment, managing the orchestration of seasonal maintenance schedules. Working seamlessly in tandem, Dr. Sparrow and Mr. Schirp jointly spearhead the implementation of the proposed project. Their collaborative efforts ensure a holistic approach to project management, combining medical expertise with operational efficiency to fortify KERPA's emergency response capabilities.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No**

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

We have no in-kind contributions identified for this project.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Special Operations Medical Retrieval Service



**Kootenay Emergency Response
Physicians Association**

Annual Report 2023

Canadian Registered Charity - 769710328 RR 0001
Special Operation Medical Retrieval Accredited Service #091907

Aim

The aim of this report is to provide a review of the Special Operations Medical Retrieval Service - Kootenay Emergency Response Physicians Association (KERPA), in the Kootenay Region of British Columbia. This report is intended for key stakeholders including the Ministry of Health, Provincial Health Services Authority, Joint Standing Committee on Rural Issues, Rural Coordination Centre of British Columbia, Interior Health, the British Columbia Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) and other relevant agencies involved in the prehospital and emergency care of critically ill and injured patients in the province.

Background

The service began approximately **10 years ago** with the key objectives of supporting the emergency services and providing on-scene physician support and care to the most critically ill or injured patients in the Kootenay Region. KERPA also helps provide additional capacity and expertise to the existing pre-hospital and emergency services in the region. KERPA has had a long-standing collaboration agreement with the BCEHS and assists the emergency services at immediate threat-to-life 911 calls where patients require immediate emergency lifesaving interventions.

KERPA dispatches a locally trained rural EMS Physician in a dedicated, non-transporting, rapid response vehicle directly to the scene of life-threatening emergencies. Our physicians possess comprehensive understanding of the relevant patient, geographic, and local healthcare resource situation. In addition, they have knowledge of the communities and the terrain we respond in. KERPA provides this service for FREE and our rural physicians volunteer their time.

Our dedicated Board of Directors donate their time, and we have one paid, part-time office staff, who supports our charitable responsibilities. Provincial Medical Services Plan (MSP) is not billed for the care we provide – we provide this at no cost. We are funded through grants, community sponsorship and public donations.



KERPA's Emergency Response Vehicle & Physician

In 2016, KERPA became a Canadian Registered Charity and, in 2021, we became the **1st Canadian Physician Ground Based EMS Service** to be awarded full **Special Operations Medical Retrieval Certification** by the Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Systems (CAMTS). This accreditation marks the stringent international standards of medical retrieval, quality, safety and patient care KERPA provides (Appendix 1).

Calls Attended

Since May 2014, KERPA has been available to respond to **1283 calls**. These are the highest priority calls assigned by BCAS Dispatch and include primary missions (where our physician arrives on scene and makes contact with the patient), standbys and cancelled calls.

The level of care provided by the Emergency Response Physician (ERP) has varied from minimal, to critical lifesaving interventions. On a number of occasions, the ERP, in conjunction with the Emergency Services, has been instrumental in changing the clinical course and outcome of critically ill patients in the Kootenay Region. For example, in 2019 KERPA was dispatched to a young female stabbed multiple times in the City of Nelson. The patient survived and is enjoying life with her family in the Kootenay area.



CBC News · Posted: Sep 23, 2019 7:07 AM PDT – Woman stabbed at least 5 times in apparent random attack in Nelson, B.C

In 2023, KERPA was available to respond to **313** immediate threat-to-life calls. This was KERPA’s busiest year to date, supporting the Emergency Services at more calls and helping more patients in the Kootenay Region. Of these calls:

- We were placed on ‘standby’ for 93 calls and subsequently stood down
- We were dispatched on 194 and cancelled on 71 (as calls were downgraded or our assistance was not required)
- We attended **123 Primary Missions** where patient contact was made
- At **75** of these calls KERPA medical expertise and or equipment was utilized
- KERPA directly assisted all levels of paramedics in the escorting and transport of high acuity and critical patients to the appropriate designated hospitals in the Region.
 - **Transporting 12 patients to Kootenay Lake Hospital**
 - **Transporting 7 patients Kootenay Boundary Hospital**
 - **Transporting 1 patient to Kelowna by helicopter**
- KERPA also followed ambulance crews to hospitals (in our response vehicle) on 32 occasions to ensure the safe transport of patients and assist crews in the event of patient deterioration.

Types of calls KERPA was available to respond to in 2023:

TRAFFIC INCIDENTS	53
TRAFFIC INCIDENTS – PINNED/TRAPPED VICTIM	2
INACCESSIBLE INCIDENT - ENTRAPMENT/AVALANCHE	2
STAB/GSW/PENETRATING - CENTRAL WOUNDS STAB	3
CONVULSIONS/SEIZURES	20
DROWNING/NEAR DROWNING	2
UNCONSCIOUS	43
OD/POISONING	32
PSYCHIATRIC	8
ALLERGIES - NOT ALERT	2
FALLS	12
TRAUMA - VARIED MECHANISM	14
PREGNANCY - HEAD VISIBLE/OUT	1
CARDIAC ARREST	47
OTHER MEDICAL EMERGENCIES	72

Early Advanced Diagnostics /Medical /Surgical Interventions - 2023:

HEMORRHAGE CONTROL

DIRECT PRESSURE	2
HEMOSTATICS APPLICATION	1
TOURNIQUET USE	1

AIRWAY INTERVENTIONS

NASO-PHARYNGEAL AIRWAY	1
ENDOTRACHEAL TUBE INSERTION	3

BREATHING INTERVENTIONS

BAG VALVE MASK VENTILATION	4
CONTINUOUS POSITIVE PRESSURE VENTILATION	1
FINGER THORACOSTOMY (SINGLE / BILATERAL)	2
CHEST NEEDLE DECOMPRESSION (BILATERAL)	2
CHEST TUBE / DRAIN INSERTION	1

CIRUCLATION INTERVENTIONS

PERIPHERAL INTRAVENOUS ACCESS PLACEMENT	5
INTRAOSSEOUS ACCESS - TIBIA	10
INTRAOSSEOUS ACCESS - FEMOR	1
PELVIC SPLINT	2
FEMORAL SPLINTING (SINGLE)	2
IV FLUID RESUSCITATION	10
PERICARDIOCENTESIS	1

OTHERS INTERVENTIONS

FAST US SCAN & TRAUMA	22
CARDIAC US	12
LUCAS 3 DEPLOYMENT	14
ZOLL MONITOR APPLIED	46
12 LEAD EKG PERFORMED	9

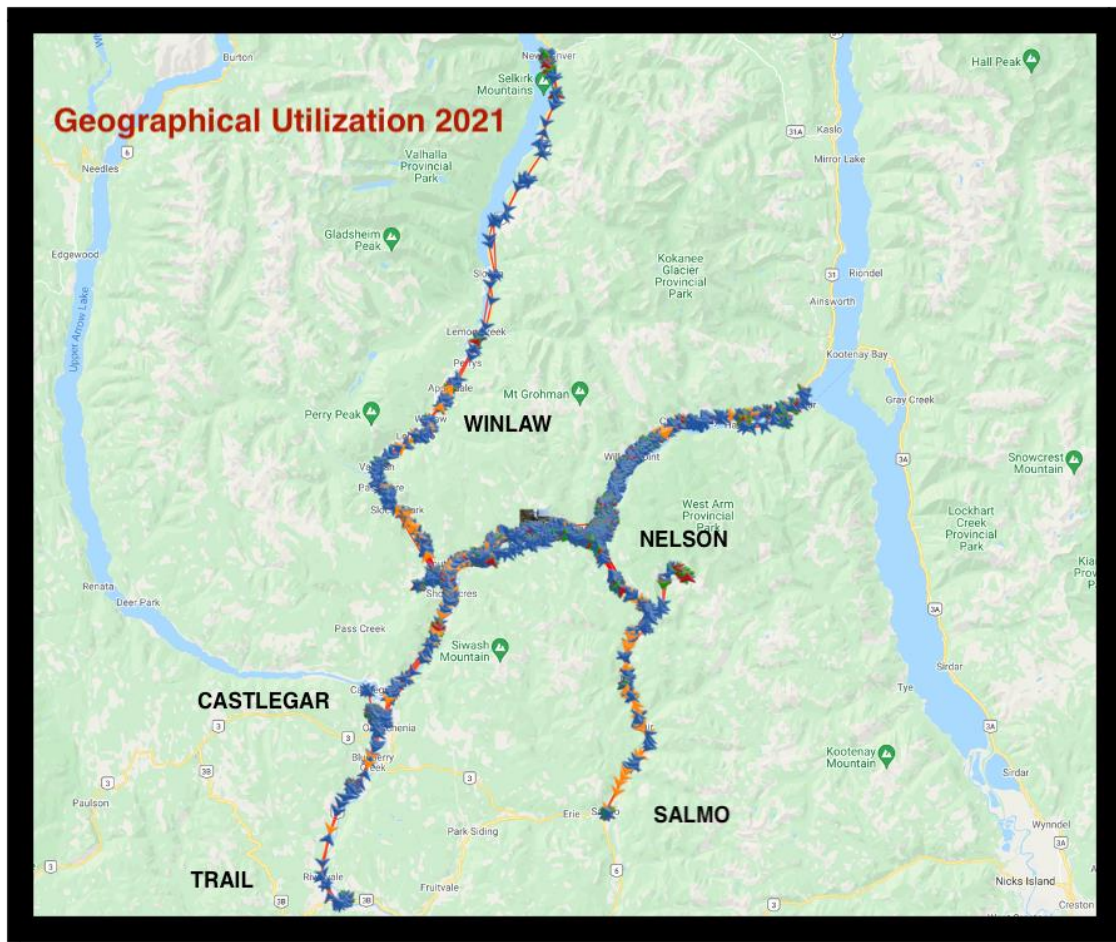
MEDICATIONS

MIDAZOLAM (SEIZURE) / (SEDATION)	1
KETAMINE (ANALGESIA & SEDATION)	1
EPINEPHRINE 1:10,000	12
PUSH DOSE PRESSORS	1
MORPHINE (ANALGESIA)	6
OTHER MEDICAL DRUGS e.g., TXA, ASA, GTN	11

Response Area

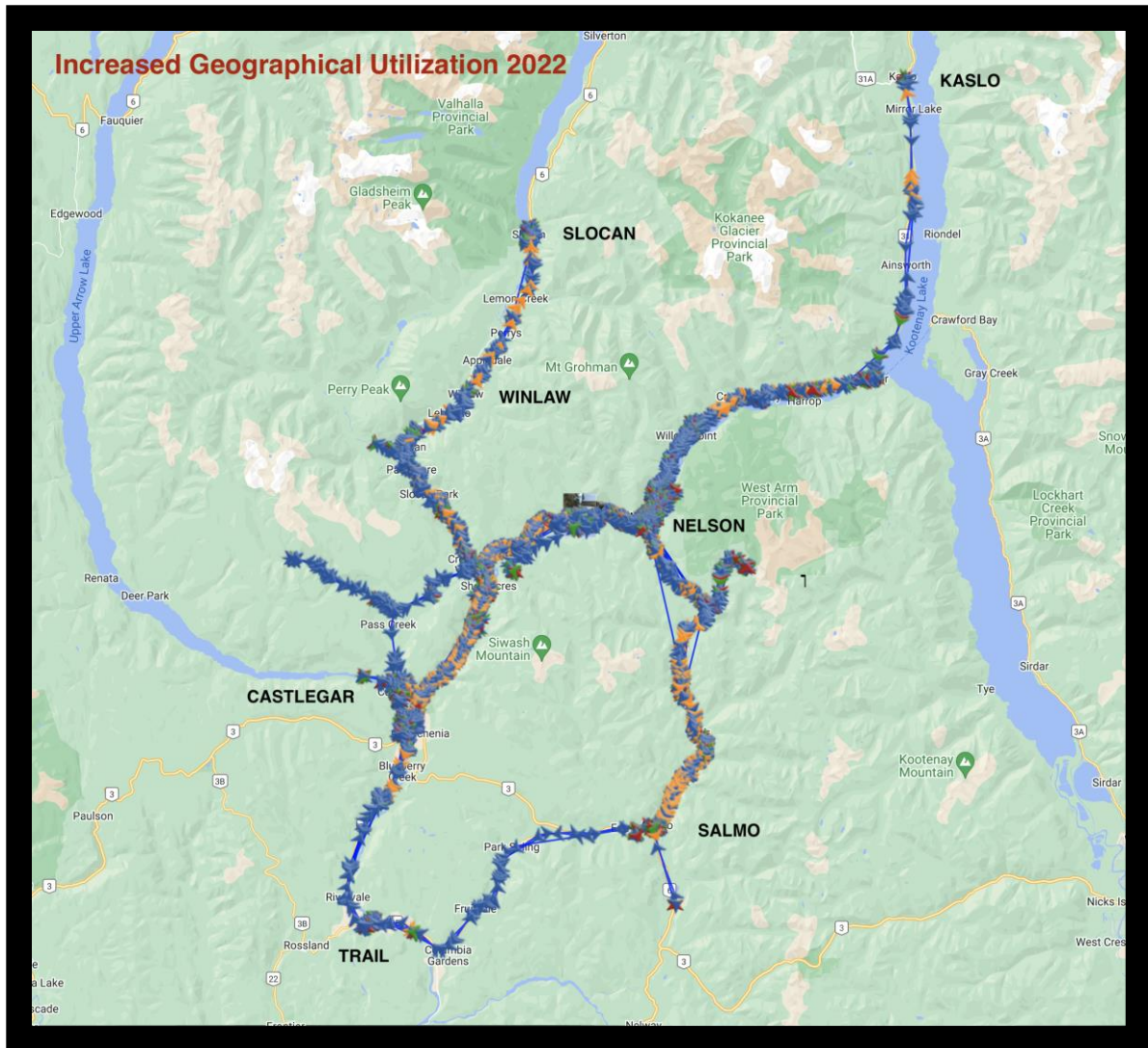
The Maps 1 & 2 below show the geographical locations KERPA responded to in 2021 and 2022. In 2022 BCEHS started to dispatch KERPA to a larger geographic area and as a result we have been able to assist many more critically ill and injured patients in the Kootenays.

Map 1 shows the geographically dispatch area for KERPA in 2021



Satellite Tracked Locations of ERP1 Response Vehicle

Map 2 shows the increased geographical dispatch area for KERPA in 2022



Satellite Tracked Locations of ERP1 Response Vehicle

Service Documentation

The ERP completes a paper Patient Care Record (PCR) only when direct intervention and provision of a higher level of care to patients is required. On calls where this is not needed, the ERP or paramedic records KERPA's attendance on the notes section of the paramedic's electronic PCR and does not complete a separate PCR.

Program Developments

A number of improvements have been made to the ERP Program, since it began in May 2014, to enhance its effectiveness in the community.

- **Safety & Quality** - KERPA has a robust Safety and Quality Committee that meets quarterly, overseeing our operations. This has helped facilitate numerous improvements to ensure full Special Operations International Standards are met. We report to the BCEHS Medical Programs twice a year.
- **Physicians** - a second volunteer physician has joined KERPA and will be ready to respond by the summer of 2024 increasing our capacity in the Region. As part of KERPA's Special Operations Accreditation, we have stringent internal policies pertaining to the qualifications and training requirements of any physician wishing to work with the charity.
- **Scope of Practice** -The scope of medications KERPA provides continues to expand along with critical care and surgical equipment. In 2024 all KERPA vehicles will be carrying the Z Vent Transport Ventilators and our physicians are currently undergoing training for the use of these machine. Our ERPs participate in quarterly "Critical Skills Training" to practice all critical airway and surgical interventions, as well as scenario-based training.



- **Additional Response Vehicle** - KERPA has purchased a second emergency response vehicle. This will be fully equipped and operational by the Summer of 2024. During 2022, KERPA was unable to respond to a major incident due to scheduled maintenance on our vehicle. Numerous patients were injured at this call and one patient was fatally injured. A second response vehicle would have enabled us to respond in the event of scheduled maintenance or mechanical issues. This second vehicle will be able to be used as an additional resource for the region.



ERV1 and ERV2 Vehicles in Nelson

“Our vehicles provide the Province of British Columbia with physician critical emergency care response to support the emergency services in the Kootenay Region.”

Total assets value & infrastructure = \$450,000.00

Discussion

KERPA has proven to be a needed and valuable service in the Kootenay Region. With over 1283 calls answered since 2014, there has undoubtedly been benefit to patients in our community. In 2023 there were numerous cases where KERPA significantly impacted clinical care, patient outcomes, and family experiences. Out of the 123 primary missions KERPA attended in 2023, 30% of patients were in a severe to critical condition requiring early advanced and critical care interventions by the ERP.

**Critical Emergency Care Dispatches 2023
(37 patients)**

Number of Patients	Type of Call	Additional Information
14	Cardiac Arrest – Medical	x4 Drug overdose related
4	Cardiac Arrest - Traumatic	All motor vehicle related x1 Pediatric
5	Medical Emergencies	Seizure, Allergic Reaction, Overdoses
14	Trauma Related Dispatches	x1 Avalanche x10 Traffic Incidents x1 Massive Hemorrhage x1 Gunshot Wound x1 Drowning

A specific case is included below to demonstrate the service KERPA is able to provide:

Chain Saw Accident – Massive Hemorrhage

KERPA was able to respond to a remote incident by helicopter to assist a patient who accidentally cut one of their limbs with a chain saw.



KERPA mobilizing to a remote incident by helicopter

The patient, in critical condition, had fastened a bungee cord around the limb to halt a severe arterial blood. On arrival our physician assessed the patient, and a hemostatic dressing and CAT tourniquet was applied. The bungee cord was subsequently removed to preserve as much circulation to the patient's limb as possible. Our physician then administered intravenous morphine to the patient and, after discussion with dispatch & local hospitals, decided best to fly the patient directly to Kelowna General Hospital, escorted by a primary care paramedic.



Flying to a remote location in the Kootenay Region

The patient was monitored continuously throughout the flight using our cardiac monitor and given additional analgesia. The patient's limb was saved and they are now at home with their family rehabilitating.

“KERPA unquestionably played a pivotal role in preserving this patient's limb, alongside the other responding agencies.”

Areas with potential for growth

1) Service Support

KERPA has received some program support from the BCEHS and local BC Ambulance Paramedics. However, communication and regional dispatch delays over the years have created additional administrative work for KERPA. This has negatively impacted our operational capacity and reach. Increased transparency, communication and service support would improve our ability to help critical patients and assist the Emergency Services.

Increased awareness and the establishment of collaborative partnerships with the Ministry of Health, Joint Standing Committee on Rural Issues and Rural Coordination Centre of British Columbia could help in ongoing support and development of our reach as a Special Operations Medical Retrieval asset for the Province in the Kootenay Region.

2) Dispatch & Geographical Response Area

The current system for KERPA's dispatch is an automated cell phone text alert. On receiving the text alert, the ERP telephones Kamloops' dispatch to find out the call details and address of the location.

With the current system, the quickest time KERPA can respond from pager to being enroute is 4-5 minutes.

A Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) laptop, as used by local supervisors, would greatly speed up our ability to identify, and dispatch to, life threatening 911 calls in the Region.

3) Geographical Response Area

KERPA provides the highest level of ground pre-hospital critical care in the Kootenay Region. Over the years KERPA requested to be dispatched more regionally, being notified of all red and purple calls. Whilst this was slow to happen, we are thankful that as of April 2022, the BCEHS increased our reach to other nearby communities. The current system is working well and

we hope KERPA will be increasingly utilized as an additional resource and greater collaboration will lead to more lives saved.

Conclusion

Over the past decade, KERPA has responded to numerous emergency calls in the Kootenay Region, demonstrating our commitment to patient-centred care.

Our efforts have resulted in significant positive outcomes for critically ill and injured patients, with over 250 direct medical or critical interventions conducted since the program's inception. Additionally, we've provided invaluable assistance to emergency services on numerous occasions, directly escorting over 180 patients alongside BC Ambulance Paramedics to local or regional hospitals.

Our presence has had a profound impact on both patients and their families within the community, as well as providing crucial support to paramedic crews during challenging calls.

Furthermore, our Emergency Response Physicians have extended their help to other single-handed ER physicians upon arrival at rural emergency departments.

Strategic provincial authorization for KERPA physicians to utilize local helicopters to assist in reaching a targeted group of critically ill or injured patients, including confirmed motor vehicle entrapments, cardiac arrests, and other specified trauma calls, could extend the reach of our critical care services, benefiting a larger number of individuals.

Although KERPA's service in British Columbia has not always been fully embraced, the outcomes it has achieved are undeniable. We hold optimism for the future, anticipating enhanced support and collaboration at the provincial level, as we continue to deliver critical care to patients in the Kootenay Region.

At the heart of our service lies a commitment to save lives, help critically ill and injured patients and support the Emergency Services.

Appendices:

Appendix 1

The Board of Directors of



hereby awards accreditation to

Kootenay Emergency Response Physicians Association

From July 17, 2021 to July 17, 2024

Presented in recognition for substantial compliance with CAMTS Accreditation Standards in quality care and safety for patients requiring medical transport in the following categories:

<u>Modes of Transport</u>	<u>Patient Types (Care and Transport)</u>	<u>Patient Types (Transport Only)</u>	<u>Levels of Service</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Fixed Wing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adult	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emergency Critical Care
<input type="checkbox"/> Rotorwing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PICU	<input type="checkbox"/> PICU	<input type="checkbox"/> Intensive Critical Care
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surface Critical Care	<input type="checkbox"/> IABP	<input type="checkbox"/> IABP	<input type="checkbox"/> Specialty Care
<input type="checkbox"/> Ground ALS	<input type="checkbox"/> Perinatal	<input type="checkbox"/> Perinatal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Special Operations
<input type="checkbox"/> Ground BLS	<input type="checkbox"/> Neonatal	<input type="checkbox"/> Neonatal	<input type="checkbox"/> ALS (Ground)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical Escort	<input type="checkbox"/> ECMO	<input type="checkbox"/> ECMO	<input type="checkbox"/> BLS (Ground)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Inhaled Nitric Oxide (INO)	<input type="checkbox"/> Inhaled Nitric Oxide (INO)	

The Medical Transport Service is granted this Certificate of Accreditation by the authority of
Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Systems

An organization with equal representation from each of the following member organizations:

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| <i>Aerospace Medical Association</i> | <i>Emergency Nurses Association</i> |
| <i>Air Medical Operators Association</i> | <i>European HEMS and Air Ambulance Committee</i> |
| <i>Air Medical Physicians Association</i> | <i>International Association of Flight and Critical Care Paramedics</i> |
| <i>Air & Surface Transport Nurses Association</i> | <i>International Association of Medical Transport Communications Specialists</i> |
| <i>American Academy of Pediatrics</i> | <i>National Air Transportation Association</i> |
| <i>American Association of Critical Care Nurses</i> | <i>National Association of EMS Physicians</i> |
| <i>American Association of Respiratory Care</i> | <i>National Association of Neonatal Nurses</i> |
| <i>American College of Emergency Physicians</i> | <i>National Association of State EMS Officials</i> |
| <i>American College of Surgeons</i> | <i>National EMS Pilots Association</i> |
| <i>Association of Air Medical Services</i> | <i>United States Transportation Command</i> |
| <i>Association of Critical Care Transport</i> | |

The Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Systems is dedicated to improving the quality of patient care and safety of the transport environment for services providing rotorwing, fixed wing and surface transport systems.

 Chair	 Secretary	 Executive Director
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Organization **Castlegar Festival Society**

Registration #

2101 6th ave, Castlegar British Columbia V1N 3B2

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Annual Community Festival Supporting Local Schools, Businesses and Organizations - Sunfest**

Project will be located in: City of Castlegar

It will take place in a few locations within the City of Castlegar, to be known as;

- Kinsmen Park
- Millenium Park
- Parade route through the downtown area

Importance to the community:

This project brings together the city and surrounding areas for the biggest local event annually. Projected number of attendees of the festival each year 4500-5000 people. The organisation expects to bring local businesses an average spend of \$100/person during this 3-day event. These numbers are based on a survey that was done amongst randomly selected families/individuals.

The parade and fireworks are events that get talked about all year by many citizens of Castlegar, they instill a feeling of pride. By extending the family events during the festival, we will be able to enhance this pride by offering more showcase opportunities to local talents.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/31/2024 Project End: 6/2/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$87,200.00			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$87,200.00

Project: Annual Community Festival Supporting Local Schools, Businesses and Organizations - Sunfest

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$87,200.00	\$128,200.00	\$128,200.00

1. The project will provide:

Castlegar Sunfest is an annual community event, supported by local volunteers, the local business community and beyond. 2024 marks their 51st year of celebrating Castlegar Sunfest.

The project aims to provide a free, family-oriented, fun-filled event for the Castlegar community and far beyond to enjoy for all that visit. The project enhances cohesiveness and pride for the citizens of Castlegar.

The cohesiveness and pride will be achieved by three days of fun activities that bond community members, e.g. live music, local market (craft/food vendors), parade, fireworks, kids day (which has grown from 2 hrs to 8 hrs over the years).

2. Organization Mandate:

Annual family fun three-day event, safe from drugs and alcohol, bringing excitement and cohesiveness to the citizens of Castlegar and beyond.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This project brings together the city and surrounding areas for the biggest local event annually. Projected number of attendees of the festival each year 4500-5000 people. The organisation expects to bring local businesses an average spend of \$100/person during this 3-day event. These numbers are based on a survey that was done amongst randomly selected families/individuals.

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4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

There are an inadequate amount of opportunities for talented individuals and kids to showcase their talents to a large audience in the community. Often, they are only able to show their talents to the people who are already involved with those extra-curriculars. Castlegar Sunfest offers an opportunity to showcase the talents of the local youth and artisans in the area. These are the local kids bands, individual singers, musicians, crafters, makers and beyond that truly show what up- and coming talents reside in Castlegar. The organization noticed that a larger emphasize needed to be put on the showcase of these talents, as parents requested an extension of kids' day. There was never enough time to showcase all the talents of the youth of Castlegar during the festival.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

Our organization is the best suited to deliver the project, as we have lots of volunteers that have led this event for decades. They know the steps to follow and the hoops to jump through. It has been 51 years of leading this event. The volunteers of this organization either have or make the time to make this annual event a huge success.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The Castlegar Festival Society committee members & volunteers and around 95% of the local businesses including our biggest 2 supporters Trowalex Rentals & Sales and Canadian Tire.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

These are in kind contributions, valued by their monetary worth;

\$20.000 Trowalex (equipment)

\$13.700 Vista Radio (marketing)

\$7000 Castlegar News (marketing)

\$1000 Waste Management (disposal fees)

\$600 Castlegar Community Complex (rent)

\$300 Hall Printing (50/50 tickets)

\$8.300 City of Castlegar (upkeep)

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **West Kootenay Cycling Coalition**

Registration # S0071127

203 Kootenay Avenue, Trail BC V1R 1H6

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **West Kootenay Cycling online map project**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area I, City of Nelson, City of Castlegar, Village of Salmo

This is an online project that will encompass the entire west kootenays including Nelson, Castlegar, Salmo, Trail, and Rossland. A separate grant will be applied for to contribute to the RDKB portion of this project.

Importance to the community:

This project will benefit all people in the region as it will improve safe cycling infrastructure, which will be accessible to everyone.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/16/2024 Project End: 12/1/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$1,250.00		\$1,250.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$5,000.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

Project: West Kootenay Cycling online map project

1. The project will provide:

The goal of this project is to combine all of the Active transportation network plans and feasibility studies in the west kootenays into an online map, with the goal of creating a plan to eventually fully link all the communities in the west kootenays with a complete cycling ATN plan. During this time the map will also help us to prioritize efforts for applying for grants to plan and build infrastructure projects in the West Kootenays based on the ATN plans.

2. Organization Mandate:

To further the needs of our cycling community through advocacy, guidance and education and to actualize our vision of "safely moving together"

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This project will benefit all people in the region as it will improve safe cycling infrastructure, which will be accessible to everyone.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The ATN Plans that we have involve multiple levels of government including RDCK, City of Nelson, City of Castlegar, as well as other areas such as the city of Trail and the RDKB. Having the central map will allow us to co-ordinate efforts between these different levels of government. The main issues will be finding people with sufficient knowledge to combine the maps and put them online.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

Our organization has experience working with many levels of government in our recent input into the Castlegar-Nelson Active transportation feasibility study, the City of Trail Active Transportation Network Plan, and the RDKB South Kootenay Green link active transportation network plan.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

West Kootenay Cycling Coalition

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

None

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **The Kootenay Swim Club**

Registration # S0054417

PO Box 1106, Nelson British Columbia V1L 6H3

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Kootenay Swim Club - Equipment Upgrades**

Project will be located in: City of Nelson, City of Castlegar

Our programming promotes physical literacy by providing swimmers with the opportunity to engage in physical activity in two regional pools as we train out of the Castlegar & District Community Complex as well as the Nelson & District Community Complex ensuring we are as inclusive to as many families as possible in a small rural region. Children engage socially and interact with each other in these two stimulating recreational environments.

Importance to the community:

The Kootenay Swim Club adds value to our community by creating the leaders of tomorrow as well as creating success to be celebrated within our small rural area for the provincial level success swimmers will experience this swim season. We offer families access to affordable recreational activities. Families living throughout our region choose to live in a beautiful area surrounded by water. Living, learning, and playing near bodies of water increases the necessity for our club to support strong safe swimmers. Learning water safety and having the opportunity to develop the ability to swim is a life skill for athletes. Our club has also identified the benefit of social connection, to re-establish the vital sense of belonging within our extended community.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/16/2024 Project End: 9/30/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$760.00	\$500.00			\$500.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$500.00				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$1,075.00		\$1,250.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$4,585.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
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Project: Kootenay Swim Club - Equipment Upgrades

\$4,585.00	\$21,385.00	\$21,385.00
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1. The project will provide:

The Kootenay Swim Club is a regional Winter Swim Club that draws membership throughout the West Kootenay region and utilizes both the Castlegar & District Community Complex as well as the Nelson & District Community Complex. Our program predominantly provides swimmers aged 8 to 18 the highest level of training and opportunity to compete in SwimBC and SwimCanada sanctioned events; the highest swim level in Canada which makes our programming unique. We offer pool training times 6 days a week, covering everyone from beginner swimmers to national level aspiring competitors. We also offer opportunity for senior swimmers to gain valuable coaching and leadership experience. The program offers youth the ability to train and compete in a swim program where they can follow a path to the highest level swimming can offer. The Kootenay Swim Club offers 10 months per year of fitness training to our swimmers. It's important to note that our programming offers exercise, fitness and leadership through the winter months when outdoor activities are not as accessible for our local youth. With the generous support of the ReDi grant we look to improve and expand our equipment supplies to enhance training opportunity for all athletes, but to assist in final preparation for Provincial competition for our competitive athletes.

2. Organization Mandate:

Our swim program predominantly provides swimmers aged 8 to 18 to train and compete in SwimBC and SwimCanada sanctioned events; the highest swim level in Canada. We offer pool training times 6 days a week, covering everyone from beginner swimmers to national level aspiring competitors. We also run a Masters and Triathlon swimming program for adults who want to fine tune their abilities. We also offer coach training to our swimmers who are interested in becoming leaders

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

The Kootenay Swim Club adds value to our community by creating the leaders of tomorrow as well as creating success to be celebrated within our small rural area for the provincial level success swimmers will experience this swim season. We offer families access to affordable recreational activities. Families living throughout our region choose to live in a beautiful area surrounded by water. Living, learning, and playing near bodies of water increases the necessity for our club to support strong safe swimmers. Learning water safety and having the opportunity to develop the ability to swim is a life skill for athletes. Our club has also identified the benefit of social connection, to re-establish the vital sense of belonging within our extended community.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The Board of Directors identified the barrier which led to recent membership loss for our swim club as the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic caused significant training disruptions due to lockdowns, quarantines, and strict adherence to pandemic protocols. Our swim club was unable to offer swim experiences to the youngest members of our community due to protocols preventing coaches from touching and properly teaching young swimmers the fundamentals of techniques. A sign of a healthy swim club is one in which there are more younger swimmers in relation to older swimmers. A full season with no incoming beginner participants resulted in financial deficits to our organizational budget.

Membership rates are once again increasing, but our budget needs the financial support to replenish necessary equipment and supplies to further support our young athletes. Our swim club hopes to offset this cost without introducing a financial barrier to swim families.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

The Kootenay Swim Club was formed to develop a love for swimming and a more intimate understanding of the competitive lifestyle. The Kootenay Swim Club fosters an environment that allows swimmers to identify their

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personal goals and gives them the resources and the training skills necessary to achieve them. Our club understands the importance of healthy community, we are well-suited to facilitate programming which provides the opportunity for swimmers in the Kootenay region the chance to utilize their swimming as a motivator to pass on their knowledge and become leaders within our community.

We wish to encourage versatility both in and out of the water. Commitment to goals and to the means of achieving those goals are important lessons to be learned from swimming, keeping in mind that children need time to be children. Accordingly, Kootenay Swim Club swim groups provide all levels of participation and commitment.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Niallan Collier has extensive coaching experience. He first started coaching part time with the Kootenay Swim Club in January 2021 and has been making an impact on swimmers in the role of Head Coach since the 2021/2022 season. Niallan was one of the first swimmers to join the Kootenay Swim Club when it was founded in the 2008/2009 season. During Niallan's time as a swimmer he attended high level meets such as Western Nationals and Senior Nationals. He brings a passion for long-term athlete development protocols and our regional swimmers benefit from his dedication and experiences.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

In-kind sources and contributions include many hours of passionate volunteerism.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



February 21, 2024

RE: Kootenay Swim Club – equipment upgrades

To whom it may concern,

Please accept this letter in support of the Kootenay Swim Clubs (KSC) ReDi grant application for funding to purchase new training equipment.

The Kootenay Swim Club was founded in 2008 and has evolved to now offer a unique swim program which involves the planning, organization and implementation of age and stage appropriate swim activities for children age 8 – 18. KSC Coaches are committed to respecting the best interests of each child and train them to compete in a manner that will provide valuable life skills once their swimming days are behind them. This organization prioritizes a commitment to their mission statement – Swimmers today, leaders for a lifetime.

Within Balfour Golf & Recreation's aims to promote healthy living and community spirit throughout all of its operations. This shared mindset aligns with the values instilled via KSC programming and we therefore encourage you to support the swimmers of our region via the ReDi grant funding stream.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig Wilkinson", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Craig Wilkinson
General Manager
Balfour Golf & Recreation

REDI GRANT – CITY OF NELSON SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGIES, GOALS, and OBJECTIVES

The intended purpose of this document is to highlight how the Kootenay Swim Club aligns with current City of Nelson sustainability strategies, goals, and objectives.

The Nelson Path to 2040 Sustainability Strategy serves as an umbrella document that sets the direction for future policy and planning decisions. This strategy is comprised of varying components which include sustainability principles and directions which define Nelson's community vision. These five principles, to varying levels, all align with the Kootenay Swim Club's policies and actions.

Cultural Strength uses arts, heritage, and recreation to establish diversity and ultimately the creation of meaningful learning opportunities; this is at the heart of the Kootenay Swim Club. Our organization supports healthy living; foster an inclusive and respectful community; and maximize intergenerational connections.

Healthy neighbourhoods are safe, welcoming, connected places with meaningful opportunities to interact with neighbours of all ages and income levels. The Kootenay Swim Club creates safe, welcoming, and connected spaces in two regional recreational complexes and prioritizes meaningful interactions among athletes, coaching staff, parents as well as community members. The swim culture is filled with personal moments; these young athletes learn the fundamentals together, train together, and compete together. Moments of joy, sadness, and triumph are important as they bring the individual swimmers together as teammates and friends. All swimmers understand the struggle of the sport and understand the importance of respecting each other as well as other teams, striving to make each other better and stronger.

We serve the community through social and cultural programs that engage, connect residents, and enhance quality of life. All of which align with the overarching pillars of the Path to Sustainability in the municipal vision. We endeavour to purchase all of our new equipment locally whenever possible, our organization supports local business which contributes to the economic success and prosperity of our community. We also provide meaningful employment to a head coach, intermittent assistant coaches as well as junior coaches who help throughout the swim season.

Nelson Next guides our community towards systemic solutions that address our climate change priorities while also advancing other community needs, such as economic development and diversification, improved health, and increased social connection which is what is at the heart of our Swim Club.

Organization **W.E Graham Community Services Society**

Registration # 886669142RR0001

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Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Restorative Action**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area D, RDCK Area E, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area J, City of Nelson, City of Castlegar, Village of Slocan

KRJ offers restorative justice services in the municipalities of Salmo, Trail, Castlegar, Slocan, Winlaw, New Denver, Nakusp, the rural area surrounding Nelson, and the outlying communities in the Central and West Kootenays.

Restorative Action in Schools will be implemented in School Districts 8, 10 and 20. Facilitators will work in classrooms for 8 week sessions, 3 times throughout schools year. School locations will be determined in partnership with each school district to offer programming in every district and based on the funding allocations for each electoral area indicated in the budget.

Importance to the community:

This project is aimed at reducing harm in our school communities. This is made possible by fostering connections between students and their community. Our volunteer facilitators provide an atmosphere and format in which a meaningful human encounter where significant experiences of harm can be addressed. Restorative action as an alternative to punitive discipline, allows for the opening of safe channels of communication between students, staff and the larger school community, which consider the individual rights, concerns and confidentiality of the people involved. The focus is on repairing and building relationships and restoring trust while building self-confidence.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/20/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$12,047.00			\$24,093.00	
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$12,047.00				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$12,047.00		\$12,046.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$72,280.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$72,280.00	\$76,240.00	\$76,240.00

1. The project will provide:

Kootenay Restorative Justice (KRJ) believes that harm reduction is made possible by fostering connections between people and their community. We offer processes for the communities of the Central Kootenays to become involved in resolving issues around crimes through the practice of restorative justice. In addition, we work with schools and educators to build capacity for addressing school discipline by shifting away from punishment toward a restorative model of discipline for those involved in conflict and harm in our schools, while proactively developing and maintaining relationships.

This project will focus on facilitating restorative action in schools across school Districts 8, 10 and 20 in the Central and West Kootenays. This includes outreach and relationship building with schools and school districts, facilitator training and continuous facilitator support and engagement. Through presentations and educational sessions, we teach about Restorative Action values. We offer programs aimed at educators and teachers, as well as others aimed at students, such as the OWN IT elementary school program and high school peer-mediation programs, where we teach youth to resolve conflicts through restorative processes and dialogue. Instead of the old punishment model, restorative action seeks to support those affected as well as those who have caused harm. It's not just about words. It's about ACTION. Our program promotes dialogue, mediation, recognition of harm and accountability for our actions.

2. Organization Mandate:

Kootenay Restorative Justice (KRJ) operates in partnership with WEGCSS to provide restorative justice services to the Central Kootenays. WEGCSS is the managing partner and non-profit organization that provides administrative and financial oversight for KRJ. Kootenay Restorative Justice Program believes a crime is a violation of people and community relationships. Our goal is to offer processes for the community, and victims of crime, to become involved in resolving issues around crimes committed in our communities through the practice of restorative justice.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This project is aimed at reducing harm in our school communities. This is made possible by fostering connections between students and their community. Our volunteer facilitators provide an atmosphere and format in which a meaningful human encounter where significant experiences of harm can be addressed. Restorative action as an alternative to punitive discipline, allows for the opening of safe channels of communication between students, staff and the larger school community, which consider the individual rights, concerns and confidentiality of the people involved. The focus is on repairing and building relationships and restoring trust while building self-confidence.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The punishment model of discipline allows for no dialogue between those who caused harm and those affected by the harm, no reconciliation between the two parties, and thus, no closure, no understanding, no relationship building, and no healing.

Restorative action, on the other hand, views harm not simply as a violation of school rules, but rather primarily as a violation of people and relationships. Justice becomes not about punishment or retribution, but a search for solutions that promote reconciliation, repair and reassurance for those affected by harm, those who caused harm,

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and the school community at large. It seeks to heal the pain inflicted by harm, not just attempting to balance the scales through blame and punishment.

These issues have been identified by school districts and restorative programs around the province. There is a need for more support in communities and schools to build capacity for restorative models of discipline.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

Kootenay restorative justice operates in partnership with WEGCSS to deliver restorative justice services across the Central and West Kootenays. WEGCSS oversees our financial and contractual obligations and requirements and provides administrative support as needed. KRJ operates with a volunteer base of dedicated and educated individuals with various backgrounds in social service, psychology, education, and justice sectors. This past fall, 6 educators across 2 schools districts attended our facilitator training. In the winter we presented restorative action in schools to the WKTEP teacher candidates to promote restorative discipline in schools. Our program employs a part time program coordinator to ensure admin functions and continuity of volunteer training and support.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The Program Coordinator will perform the administrative functions to ensure appropriate policy and procedure are in place in addition to tracking outcomes and meeting reporting requirements. This project will involve 10 contracted facilitators to build capacity for students, teachers, support staff, administrators, and district staff. Finally, we will partner with school districts, 8,10 and 20 to offer services in these districts. Additionally, we partner with local organizations such as Youth Counselors, Victim Services, Ministry of Children and Family, Youth Probation, and the Circle of Indigenous Nations Society to support restorative practices in our communities.

8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **BC Association of Community Response Networks (BCCRN) Castlegar IRIS Program**

Registration # 89342RR0001
505-8840-210 St. Box 349, Langley BC V1M 2Y2

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **IRIS: Increasing Recreation Involving Seniors**

Project will be located in: City of Castlegar

Our venue is the Kinnaird Park Community church building in Castlegar where we rent office, storage, dining and kitchen spaces. education events happen across the region as requested.

Importance to the community:

Having seniors, a huge and historic/creative part of our community, are respected and included, we have stronger, healthier communities. For the benefit of all generations. IRIS provides safe and effective ways of connecting our seniors within and to our communities and all those in it. IRIS is important to our seniors and the all generation support behind and in IRIS, as it ensures all ages are understanding of potential seniors issues, and the value seniors bring to communities. The vital role seniors play in determining the direction/details of the program has reportedly created an enormous sense of not only safety in the connections made, but a sense of pride and ownership onii the program. The pride, sharing their experiences at IRIS with others, are the main reasons for the program quick growth and continued success.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 7/1/2024 Project End: 6/30/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$4,000.00				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$23,000.00			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$27,000.00

Project: IRIS: Increasing Recreation Involving Seniors

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$27,000.00	\$103,600.00	\$103,600.00

1. The project will provide:

IRIS provides opportunities for social connection and connections to service providers, nutritional food and exercise for body and brain. Monthly events include Bingo, Coffee, Crafts, Lunch & Learn and Lunch. Twice monthly Journaling and weekly chair yoga. We have done some group cooking and are working on increasing frequency including monthly Cook & Share. Twice yearly Seniors Expo and an increasing amount of intergenerational events both on and off site, with Robson & Kinnaird Elementary Schools, Selkirk College and groups like Highland Dancers. All events have food and all events are free. We have strong connections in the community with partners and other service providers to ensure referrals back and forth are providing maximum wellness/support to local seniors and to increase intergeneration connections, thus reducing ageism in our community. We work closely with Selkirk College 4 programs: Social Work, Nursing, International Nursing and PreMed, to ensure the next generations of supports for seniors are well informed and connected with community level services and challenges regarding seniors. The IRIS Coordinator provides free education and awareness events on elder abuse, ageism, working with seniors boundaries and more to any groups across the regional and occasionally on provincial level zoom calls.

2. Organization Mandate:

BCCRN provides ongoing support structure for the benefit of local CRNs and adults in their communities experiencing abuse, neglect, and self-neglect, as well as small grants (5000/yr) to support local projects. CRNs work at creating communities where all adults are included, respected and free from abuse. Castlegar CRN has a long and successful history of providing education, awareness, exercise and social events for seniors across the West Kootenays including elder abuse awareness and ageism education, social events include nutritious meals and snack plus opportunities to volunteer in creating and maintaining the IRIS program to meet their needs. IRIS began in July 2017. IRIS also strives for intergenerational connections through offering events with and education for local schools, child and youth organizations and Selkirk College.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Having seniors, a huge and historic/creative part of our community, are respected and included, we have stronger, healthier communities. For the benefit of all generations. IRIS provides safe and effective ways of connecting our seniors within and to our communities and all those in it. IRIS is important to our seniors and the all generation support behind and in IRIS, as it ensures all ages are understanding of potential seniors issues, and the value seniors bring to communities. The vital role seniors play in determining the direction/details of the program has reportedly created an enormous sense of not only safety in the connections made, but a sense of pride and ownership onii the program. The pride, sharing their experiences at IRIS with others, are the main reasons for the program quick growth and continued success.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Isolation and loneliness, which are often precursors to elder abuse, continue to be the top two shared concerns of seniors and those supporting seniors. Since COVID people continue to report the effects of that time and how concerned they are still for themselves and peers. IRIS addresses those concerns by offering multiple and diverse events consistently, as determined by the seniors. Seniors develop a sense of ownership in the program which is no doubt the reason for IRIS' success and continued growth. Ensuring we are following the lead of the seniors is key. They know what they want and need. We also continue to connect regularly with other service providers and families of seniors to ensure we are aware of issue and challenges our seniors are facing. The IRIS Crew is made up of education, knowledgeable and experienced personnel, all aware and eager to help support seniors.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

Our IRIS Crew has great knowledge and experience in working with and for seniors. From social workers to yoga instructor, health and financial professionals, plus of course many of the crew themselves are seniors, we have a good understanding of seniors' challenges, wishes and needs, and how to ensure they get what they are after. IRIS has the tools required to continue to run and adapt to needs, with seniors input. IRIS is a program of Castlegar CRN, part of the BCCRN which provides us on community level with tools, a vast website, printed materials, swag and mentors to support us in any challenges we may need support in. The coordinator has been advocating both individually and on systemic issues with and for seniors since 2006. This experience includes free education and awareness presentations to all ages and groups re elder abuse, neglect and Ageism.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The IRIS Crew (Social Workers, seniors advocate, yoga instructor and retired College educator, Nurse, RCMP, bank manager) implement the program. The direction, topics and content of the program is led by participants feedback through informal conversations at all events, and more formal input at our annual "All About IRIS Lunch & Learn" set for March 2024. This input ensures seniors interests wants and needs are at the core of all we do. Our volunteers are diverse in age and experience, as are our seniors, ranging from 60 to in their 90s. Others involved are presenters at events and Expos.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

BCCRN does financial hosting of IRIS including writing tax receipts. Local bookkeeper does IRIS books in-kind. McDonalds donates almost all the coffee served at IRIS. Presenters donate their time, offering their knowledge and expertise free of charge thru presentations at Lunch & Learns and also all the organizations that host tables at twice annual expos.

Approximately 2000 hours per year is donated at IRIS through volunteers' time.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Jan. 26, 2024

Subject: Support Letter for Program Funding for BCCRN IRIS (Increasing Recreation Involving Seniors)

To whom it may concern

Please accept this letter in support of an application submitted by IRIS in Castlegar for funding.

IRIS began with a vision to create a seniors support system focused on prevention and capacity building. Being a successful grant recipient would be considered a critical factor in maintaining the amazing work IRIS is doing and will ensure it is able to continue to grow and respond to the ever-changing needs of our community elders.

Sandi McCreight, has worked diligently in forming relationships with Selkirk Faculty and has made huge strides in enriching their educational opportunities. Students are regularly welcomed to participate in the various social and health and wellness programs, volunteer opportunities, and seniors-focused research.

Sandi McCreight, conducts regular workshops for Health and Human Services students at Selkirk College covering topics including elder abuse, neglect and self-neglect, ageism, challenges our seniors are facing and programming our elders have access to locally.

IRIS is a critical service to our growing senior population. IRIS supports our local seniors by creating inclusive and diverse opportunities for recreation and socialization, education and support, outreach, nutrition, intercultural relationship building, and student learning opportunities in partnership with the local community college (Selkirk College).

IRIS supports healthy aging by addressing social isolation. IRIS provides a safe space for senior-directed programming while addressing barriers such as cost (all events are free). This safe social space aims to improve seniors' sense of purpose, belonging, inclusion, wellness, and safety. IRIS brings all seniors together regardless of age, ability, culture, income, living situation, etc. This diversity makes IRIS special, and participants highly value the welcoming physical and relational atmosphere.

Lastly, IRIS has formed many community partnerships that support healthy aging in place. For example, IRIS' programming is based on a large body of research focused on the importance of community support for healthy aging. IRIS' programs are based on what seniors state they need and want in order to achieve psychosocial and physical wellbeing so they can live healthfully in their homes for as long as possible. Local business partners (e.g., McDonald's) are critical in creating a community that is responsive to seniors needs. IRIS continues to engage with local organizations to enhance understanding of the importance of supporting seniors in healthy aging.

We earnestly encourage you to consider this application on behalf of IRIS. It goes without saying that we fully support their work in addressing seniors' wellness from the foundation up. IRIS' focus on capacity building at the individual and community level must continue to be a priority for all.

We hope that this letter adequately expresses why we are excited to support this funding request. If you require any further information or clarification, we would be happy to connect with you at your request.

Yours sincerely,

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January 31, 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support for the IRIS program, coordinated by Sandi McCreight.

IRIS continues to provide a valuable service to our seniors. IRIS provides nutrition, social connections education and connection to other health services. This occurs through multiple streams of activities which include chair yoga, Lunch & Learn, Ladies Tea, Cook & Share, monthly luncheons and weekly learning presentations.

Sandi and her team are an invaluable connection between seniors and the health care system. For some frail elderly who do not have family nearby, they have been the first to notice a change in a senior. They are well positioned to reach out to the family doctor and tell us what they are seeing. This information helps us support the senior before a crisis develops.

I cannot stress enough what a valuable resource IRIS is the elders in our community. It provides a place for connection, support, meaning and education. A trusted place to go and a sense of community are enormously important for well being and health.

I urge your organization to approve funding to support IRIS in this important work.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Megan Taylor

Organization **Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ**

Registration # 5098

1876Brilliant Road, Castlegar British Columbia V1N 4K2

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Verigin Memorial Park Tour Guides/Groundskeepers**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area I

Verigin Memorial Park
1814 Terrace Road
Castlegar BC

Importance to the community:

Verigin Memorial Park is an important cultural/tourism site. In addition, it is the burial site of Peter V. Verigin who is designated as a person of national historic significance. 2024 marks the 100th anniversary of his untimely death. It is also a peaceful meditative place with spectacular views of the Columbia and Kootenay River valleys. Many local residents have come to appreciate the beauty and serenity of the park. They often return bringing out of region visitors to the park.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 6/24/2024 Project End: 9/6/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
				\$5,000.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$5,000.00				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$3,000.00			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$13,000.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$13,000.00	\$14,661.00	\$14,661.00

1. The project will provide:

This project will be an opportunity for youth to learn about both heritage and botany alongside our volunteers while at Verigin Memorial Park. With a reduced water supply the park is moving toward the use of different flowers/plants to consume less water. Employed students will act as tour guides at the park, a premier West Kootenay cultural tourism destination. They will interact with visitors to share Doukhobor culture and heritage, as well as learn about other cultures. The students will provide visitors with information on the significance of the park as a historic heritage site and its relationship to local West Kootenay history. The student guides will also distribute literature that summarizes Doukhobor culture and heritage. They will also promote the city of Castlegar and the West Kootenay region as a hub of cultural and outdoor activities. They will highlight related sites such as the Doukhobor Discovery Centre, the Mir Centre and the Brilliant Suspension Bridge.

2. Organization Mandate:

The union of Spiritual Communities of Christ works to advance religion by establishing facilities to be used for religious programs, cultural events, conferences, workshops, music, Russian language training and other organizational and community needs in accordance to the tenants and doctrines of the Christian faith through the Doukhobor life concepts specifically.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Verigin Memorial Park is an important cultural/tourism site. In addition, it is the burial site of Peter V. Verigin who is designated as a person of national historic significance. 2024 marks the 100th anniversary of his untimely death. It is also a peaceful meditative place with spectacular views of the Columbia and Kootenay River valleys. Many local residents have come to appreciate the beauty and serenity of the park. They often return bringing out of region visitors to the park.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

In addition to the financial benefits of summer employment students will gain valuable work experience in the fields of tourism and grounds maintenance. They will also have a greater awareness of the present and historic contribution of the Doukhobor people to their local, national and global communities. Visitors (and students) will gain insight into Doukhobor culture and history and the West Kootenay region. The students hired will have an opportunity to develop leadership skills and goal setting.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

Verigin Memorial Park is the final resting place of Doukhobor leaders Peter V. Verigin "Lordly", Peter P. Verigin "Chistyakov", their wives, Anna P. Markova (daughter of Peter P. Verigin), and the late honorary Chairman of the USCC, John J. Verigin (great grandson of Peter V Verigin) and his wife Laura P. Verigin. Collectively the Verigins have made many contributions to the Doukhobor movement in both the practical and spiritual sense over the last century. The park is a valued and esteemed site to the USCC organization. The park manager, a USCC volunteer, provides training and supervision of park maintenance.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The USCC Executive Committee and the USCC Finance and Asset Stewardship Committee are responsible for the overall operation of the Memorial Park. A volunteer Park Manager will select the students, manage their training and supervise their work.

8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes

Project: Verigin Memorial Park Tour Guides/Groundskeepers

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

A volunteer park manager oversees training and provides supervision of the student employees. The manager ensures proper supplies, materials and equipment to maintain the park are available.

A volunteer historian provides training sessions for the students to prepare them to provide background and answer questions from visitors.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Kootenay Columbia Educational Heritage Society**

Registration # S0049764

1300 Frances Moran Road, Trail BC V1R 4L9

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **School Time Capsule Project**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, City of Castlegar

The project is open to all elementary schools in the Castlegar catchment area and the Stanley Humphries Secondary School.

Importance to the community:

The project is part of an effort to appreciate our community's history and what has made the community what it is today. The students will learn about their community's past and how their current learning environment has been impacted by that. They will also have to think about what will be important to those students who will open the time capsule 50 years for now and what will the current students think they should know about the present educational environment they are living in. The students should have fun determining what is important for inclusion in their time capsule.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 9/16/2024 Project End: 11/30/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
				\$250.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$250.00				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$500.00			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$1,000.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

1. The project will provide:

The project will create a time capsule for each school in School District No. 20. There are 10 schools in the District. The students of each school will collect artifacts and printed materials for inclusion in their school's time capsule. A teacher, or teachers, will coordinate the project in each school. Either one class or more than one class or the entire school can participate. Once the project is finished, the time capsule will be given to the KCEHS for safe keeping in their archives at the JL Crowe Secondary School in Trail. Each time capsule will be opened by the school that created it in 50 years. The time capsules will be provided to the school by the KCEHS.

2. Organization Mandate:

To collect, preserve and make available to the public the history of education in School District No. 20 (Kootenay Columbia)

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

The project is part of an effort to appreciate our community's history and what has made the community what it is today. The students will learn about their community's past and how their current learning environment has been impacted by that. They will also have to think about what will be important to those students who will open the time capsule 50 years from now and what the current students think they should know about the present educational environment they are living in. The students should have fun determining what is important for inclusion in their time capsule.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The project will reflect the student's view of their educational experience and the world in which they live. It will encourage them to think about their educational environment, what an education means to them and how their school is integrated into the current life of their community. It will generate interest in current affairs, what is happening at their school and create a learning experience on which the teacher can build upon. The KCEHS will request the teacher(s) involved prepare a report on how the project was initiated, who participated and what was included in their time capsule and why. This record will be kept with the time capsule for future reference.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

Our organization is the only heritage organization in the region dedicated to the preservation of the history of education in School District No. 20

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

A teacher sponsor will be sought and he/she will determine how the students of his/her school will become involved in the project. The Administrator of the school will be the primary contact person for the KCEHS.

8. Minors will be working on this project: Yes

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: Yes

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Volunteers of the KCEHS will assist with the coordination of the project among the participating schools and provide guidance to the teacher(s) involved regarding the project expectations and outcomes.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Organization **Castlegar Villa Society**

Registration # S0007657

100-718 Valhalla Street, Castlegar BC V1N 3S1

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Elevator for Rota Villa**

Project will be located in: City of Castlegar

The elevator will be located on Valhalla side of the property. This is where the contractor indicated would be the best location.

Importance to the community:

This will allow our tenant more accessibility, ability to socialize and access ways to move around our community via city bus. This benefits all current and future tenants that live here at the Villa.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/16/2024 Project End: 8/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$23,549.33				\$23,549.33
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$23,549.56			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$70,648.22

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$70,648.22	\$70,648.22	\$70,648.22

Project: Elevator for Rota Villa

1. The project will provide:

The Villa was built some time ago, lacks accessibility. We are hoping to provide more accessibility for our tenants. Building is two story/split level square building. Access between floors is accessible by two ways, stairs or by walking in the street all the way around the building. This is the biggest challenge that we have, especially in the winter months. We have a lot of tenants that use walkers and have health issues, so the stairs are not an option. Some of our tenants also cannot drive and must use public transportation. We are fortunate enough to have a bus stop right outside of the Villa, located on the upper level. With limited accessibility, it is harder for them to use this great resource. At the Villa we have a Common Room for our tenants. This is used for group functions eg. Christmas party, game night. The facility is also used for tenants to socialize with each other. This is located on the top level and the tenants that live on the bottom, feel isolated.

As we are a non Profit, grants are the only way that we can make this project happen.

In 2023 we received a total of \$18715.78 from ReDi grants and we also received \$2500 from the RDCK community development grant.

2. Organization Mandate:

1) To establish, maintain, support or continue the establishment, maintenance or support of residential accommodation for elderly citizens of low or moderate income who are established residents of Castlegar and vicinity.

2) To promote the recreational, social, intellectual and physical welfare of persons described in (1) above

3) To acquire, hold, control, administer, mortgage and or dispose of property, whether real or personal and wherever situated in order to promote the objectives contained in the above.

4) To receive grants, bequests, donations of money or goods and to manage, organize and operate funding-raising activities in order to raise funds for these purposes.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This will allow our tenants more accessibility, ability to socialize and access ways to move around our community via city bus. This benefits all current and future tenants that live here at the Villa.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Accessibility for the tenants from one floor to another. This will allow them to access the amenities on both levels of the building even if they have health issues and can't use the stairs. This issue is identified by complaints from the residents.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

Here at the Villa we strive to help all seniors that live here currently and in the future. This means that we encourage socialization and mobility. This can happen with an elevator.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

Kootenay Columbia Home Medical, Arrowtech Electrical and Mac Brothers Contracting

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

Mac Bros

Quote

2644-4th Avenue
 Castlegar BC
 V1N 2R9
 (250) 687-0725

February 13 2023

BILL TO:
 Castlegar Villa Society
 100-718 Valhalla Street
 Castlegar BC

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	
<p>RE: Savarnia Vertical Platform lift - Budget Price</p> <p>Scope of work</p> <p>Remove and relocate retaining wall Aprox 6' back</p> <p>Remove 10x14 concrete pad</p> <p>dig out site for platform lift</p> <p>form and pour foundation</p> <p>pour new retaining wall</p> <p>pour new patio</p> <p>clean up site</p> <p>supply engineering drawings for city</p> <p><u>budget price</u></p> <p>* note price does not include elevator**</p>		<p>\$ 35,000.00</p>
<p>BN 11776 5206 RT0001</p> <p>WCB# 285180</p> <p>Make all cheques payable to Mac Bros</p> <p>All invoices are due on completion of work</p>	<p>Subtotal</p> <p>Tax Rate</p> <p>Sales Tax</p> <p>Worksafe</p> <p>Other</p>	<p>\$ 35,000.00</p> <p>5.00%</p> <p>1,750.00</p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>\$ 35,000.00</p>

36,750.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS!

Castlegar Villa Society
711 11th Street
Castlegar, BC
V1N 2J7



ARROWTECH
Arrowtech Electric
1353 Columbia Rd
Castlegar, BC
V1N 4M1
(250) 304-7462
cory@arrowtechelectric.com

Estimate

Estimate Number E00099
Estimate Date Feb 9, 2023

Description	Amount
Provide a 20A 120V circuit with local disconnect for elevator. Provide control wiring for auxiliary controls.	3,000.00

Sub Total	GST	Incl. GST
3,000.00	150.00	3,150.00
Total Estimate		3,150.00



Cranbrook (mailing) Castlegar
 250 Slater Road NW 630 17th St. Unit 130
 Cranbrook BC V1C 5C8

TF: 800 661-4022 TF: 866 515-7772
 P: 250 426-6600 P: 250 365-7772
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Quote

Q000044473

Date August 22, 2022
Billing ROTVIL
Customer

Bill To: Castlegar Rota Villa
 Contact: Kailee Ross
 #1 - 711 11th Street

Castlegar BC V1N 2J7

Ph. (250) 365-7010

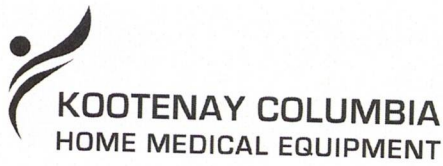
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Order Date	PO Number	Ordered by	Client ID
22-Aug-2022			
Required Date	Appointment	Reference	
		Q000044473	
Shipped Date	Salesperson	Clinician	
	Jocelyn F.		

WH	Part Number	Description	Unit	Ord	Ship	B/O	Retail Price	Disc. %	Unit Price	Ext. Price
ES	ELV-V1504ROTVIL	V1504 Plexiglass commercial lift		1	0		45,450.00	10.0	40,905.00	40,905.00
		Sarvaira V1504 two stop lift configured with 36" x 54" platform On/off same side Plexiglass enclosed with dome Call/send buttons at each level Outdoor package U-Bracket& support legs Key on/off switch 4" pit Hands free phone- required								
		Optional upcharge items included: Mixed plexiglass inserts								
		Optional upcharge items available, not included: Auto door operators								
EK	ELVLABOUR	Elevator Labour	EA	1	0		8,000.00	0.0	8,000.00	8,000.00
EK	SHIPCHRG	Shipping from Manufacturer to Cranbrook	EA	1	0		1,500.00	0.0	1,500.00	1,500.00



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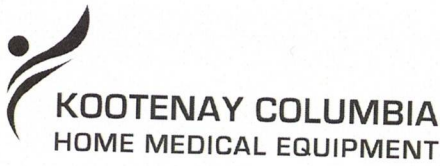
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	Jocelyn F.		

WH	Part Number	Description	Unit	Ord	Ship	B/O	Retail Price	Disc. %	Unit Price	Ext. Price
EK	ENGINEERING	Below Permits required for installation and permitting of Commercial lift Elevator Engineering fees	EA	1	0		600.00	0.0	600.00	600.00
EK	PERMIT	Commercial Elevating Permit Application Fee (2022)	EA	1	0		358.00	0.0	358.00	358.00
EK	INSPECELV	Inspection Fee for VPL (2022)	EA	1	0		484.00	0.0	484.00	484.00
<p>This quote assumes any construction, dedicated 20A 120V electrical circuit, disconnect with auxiliary contact, GFI outlet, switched pit light, 15A 120V cab lighting circuit with disconnect, and telephone line are provided by others.</p> <p>Technical Safety BC requires all commercial lifts to have a 24 hour monitored ADA phone within the lift. Phone line to the lift and monitoring services provided by others and to be in place prior to inspection.</p> <p>Technical Safety BC requires all elevating devices have a quarterly maintenance contract in place. KCHME offers these contracts at \$1100 per year for vertical lifts, \$1000 per year for incline platform lifts and \$900 for stair chairs per year.</p> <p>All owners of elevating devices are required to have an operator's permit from Technical Safety BC at a current cost \$166 per year (2022).</p>										



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Shipped Date	Salesperson	Clinician	
	Jocelyn F.		

WH	Part Number	Description	Unit	Ord	Ship	B/O	Retail Price	Disc. %	Unit Price	Ext. Price
		Quote is supplied for budgeting purposes only. Actual price may vary based on configuration requirements and additional options selected at time of purchase.								
		Quote is valid for 30 days. We accept cash, Visa, MC, EFT, debit, and cheque								
		GST #13938 6551 MDEL 224								
							Net Amount		51,847.00	
							G.S.T.		30.00	
							P.S.T.		42.00	
							Total Due		51,919.00	

This document has been provided for use by the person(s) and/or third party funding source named herein for the purpose of determining the cost of obtaining equipment and related services from Kootenay Columbia Home Medical Equipment. This quotation is provided at no cost on the condition that it not be copied, duplicated and/or disseminated in any form to third parties. Failure to comply with this condition constitutes a breach of the agreement to provide this information at no cost, and in such event, Kootenay Columbia Home Medical Equipment reserves the right to pursue all remedies available to it at law including the right to seek full indemnity for the cost of providing the said information.

Hygiene and sterile products are not returnable. Fabric products are eligible for a full refund/exchange within 48 hours (stockings, bracing, pillows, etc.). Regularly stocked products (other than hygiene, sterile and fabric) are refundable within 14 days: 25% restocking fee applies within 30 days. All returns require original packaging in new condition & original invoice. Custom orders are placed upon receipt of a deposit and are non-refundable. In the case product orders are cancelled prior to delivery, the deposit will be applied to shipping and restocking fees.

Castlegar Villa Society
Statement of Financial Position

March 31

	2023	2022
Assets		
Current		
Cash	\$ 85,596	\$ 84,666
Prepaid expenses	<u>6,263</u>	<u>6,279</u>
	91,859	90,945
Tangible capital assets (Note 3)	<u>258,775</u>	<u>265,414</u>
	<u>\$ 350,634</u>	<u>\$ 356,359</u>
Liabilities		
Current		
Accounts payable	\$ 24,113	\$ 21,849
Prepaid rental revenue	646	-
Damage deposits	10,606	10,238
Callable debt obligation (Note 4)	<u>106,077</u>	<u>116,923</u>
	<u>141,442</u>	<u>149,010</u>
Net Assets		
Unrestricted net assets invested in tangible capital assets	152,698	148,491
Unrestricted net assets	<u>56,494</u>	<u>58,858</u>
	<u>209,192</u>	<u>207,349</u>
	<u>\$ 350,634</u>	<u>\$ 356,359</u>

Subsequent event (Note 5)

Approved by the Directors

_____ Director

_____ Director

Castlegar Villa Society Statement of Operations

Year ended March 31

	2023	2022
Revenue		
Rental	\$ 250,645	\$ 237,535
Laundry	5,214	4,527
Grants	5,000	500
Interest and sundry	292	1,224
	<u>261,151</u>	<u>243,786</u>
Expenses		
Advertising and promotion	2,525	4,989
Amortization	6,639	6,853
Bank charges	145	625
Conference and travel	1,130	-
Insurance	11,317	9,727
Interest on callable debt obligation	4,596	5,023
Light and power	7,789	8,508
Management fees	-	2,731
Office and miscellaneous	10,417	8,021
Professional fees	34,548	12,311
Repairs and maintenance	79,366	82,465
Telephone	1,711	1,029
Television cable	20,334	20,712
Wages and benefits	54,803	55,452
Water, sewer and waste management	23,988	23,275
	<u>259,308</u>	<u>241,721</u>
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year	<u>\$ 1,843</u>	<u>\$ 2,065</u>

Castlegar Villa Society
Statement of Changes in Net Assets
Year ended March 31

	Unrestricted Net Assets Invested in Tangible Capital Assets	Unrestricted Net Assets	Total 2023	Total 2022
Net assets, beginning of year	\$ 148,491	\$ 58,858	\$ 207,349	\$ 205,284
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year	-	1,843	1,843	2,065
Amortization of tangible capital assets	(6,639)	6,639	-	-
Callable debt obligation principal repayment	10,846	(10,846)	-	-
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 152,698</u>	<u>\$ 56,494</u>	<u>\$ 209,192</u>	<u>\$ 207,349</u>

Castlegar Villa Society
Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended March 31

2023

2022

Cash Flows Provided By (Used In) Operating Activities

Cash received from tenants for rent and damage deposits	\$ 251,659	\$ 238,288
Cash received from grants	5,000	500
Cash received from laundry	5,214	4,527
Cash received from interest and other	292	1,224
Cash paid to suppliers and employees	(245,793)	(238,282)
Interest paid	<u>(4,596)</u>	<u>(5,023)</u>

11,776 1,234

Cash Flows Provided By (Used In) Financing Activities

Repayment of callable debt obligation	(10,846)	(10,169)
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Cash Flows Provided By (Used In) Investing Activities

Purchase of tangible capital assets	-	<u>(4,796)</u>
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Increase (decrease) in cash 930 (13,731)

Cash

Beginning of year	<u>84,666</u>	<u>98,397</u>
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End of year	<u>\$ 85,596</u>	<u>\$ 84,666</u>
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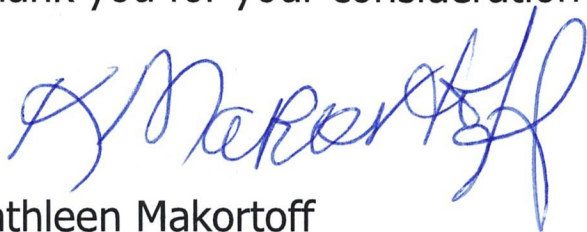
Draft for discussion purposes

To whom it may concern,

My name is Kathleen Makortoff and I live here at the Rota Villa. I am writing this letter in support of an elevator here at the Castlegar Rota Villa. I live on the bottom floor and currently cannot drive. I now must take the bus to get to appointments and to get groceries. Due to health reasons, I also must use a walker. Stairs are very hard, and I can not currently use them. This means that I must walk all the way around the building with my walker just to catch the bus.

An elevator would help me so much as it would allow me to access the bus stop with much more ease, as well as our common room for meetings, parties and gatherings.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.



Kathleen Makortoff

Unit 23 Castlegar Rota Villa

To whom it may concern,

My name is Janet Poznikow and I live here at the Rota Villa. I am writing this letter in support of an elevator here at the Castlegar Rota Villa. I live on the bottom floor. Due to health reasons; I also must use a walker. Stairs are very hard, and I can not currently use them.

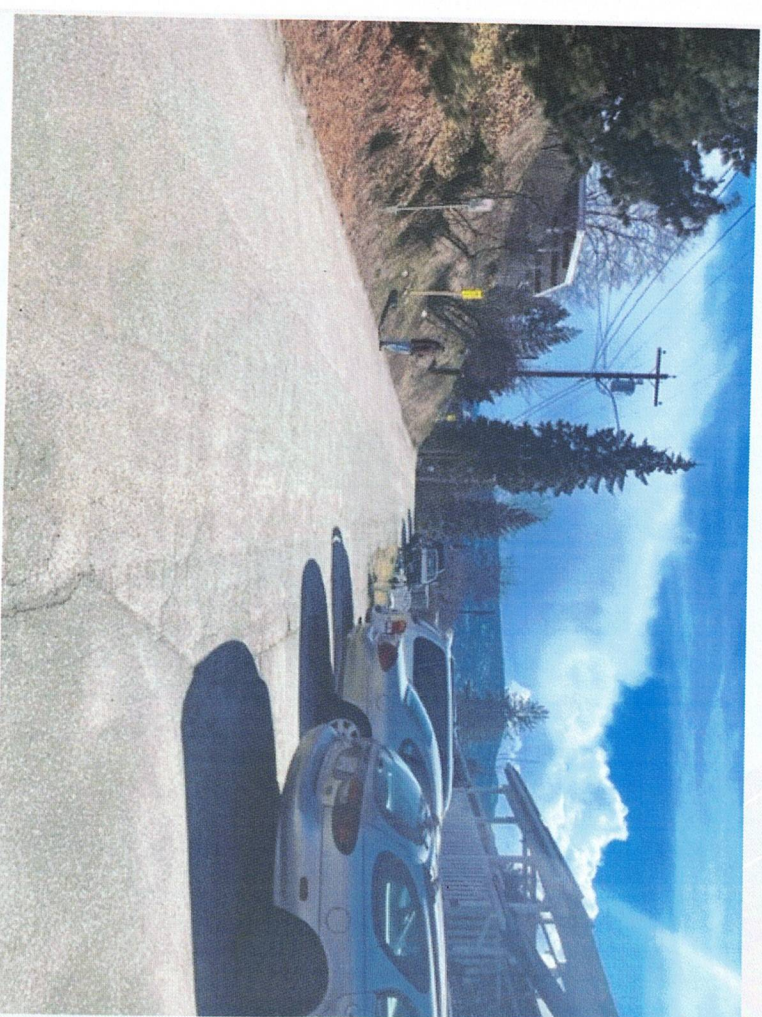
An elevator would help me so much as it would allow me to access our common room for social gatherings and my friends on the top level of the building.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

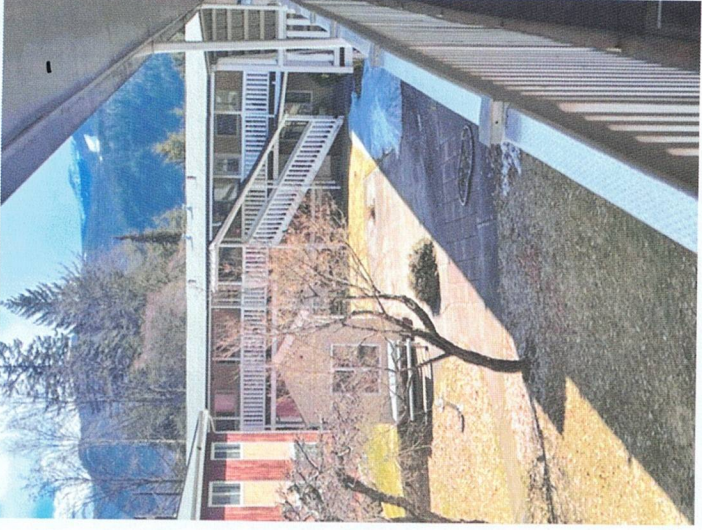
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Janet Poznikow

Unit 206 Castlegar Rota Villa



This is the street that tenants have to use to walk to the top side of the building. It is all up hill. In the winter this street is one of the last to be plowed.



**These are views of the building and
how different levels look.**



This is one of the stair cases that that are used to access each level. We have 5 staircases like this around the building.

Organization **Diverse Family Roots Society**

Registration # 711389619

Po Box 461, Fruitvale BC V0G 1L0

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Dads Matter. Families on a Tuesday . Supporting Families With Diverse Needs. Families Housing That Fits**

Project will be located in: City of Nelson, Town of Creston, Village of Nakusp, Village of New Denver, City of Castlegar, Village of Salmo, Village of Silvertown, Village of Slocan, Village of Kaslo

These will take place virtually and in person in each community . Each region has its own unique identities and needs. The project encompasses the RDKB, RDCK, RDKB.

Importance to the community:

Up until now, this has not existed in the region. Families are disconnected and isolated. COVID did not help at all, in fact more and more families are feeling disconnected, isolated , especially those with medically vulnerable family members.. Families will benefit from Our Tuesday Night Get togethers on ZOOM. Sharing, inspiring, supporting, mentoring. Many young families feel isolated, on their own. The in person events will be uplifting, encouraging, supportive, inclusive.

Thursday evening Sessions for inclusive and supportive, intentional housing . Many families are aging and are the primary caregiver for their aging at home sons and daughters.

Dads will feel connected through the Sunday Night- Dads Supporting Dads online sessions. The in person events will be uplifting, encouraging, supportive, inclusive.

Families will benefit . We intend to lift the instances of isolation, disconnect, aloneness by connecting like/ similar families.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/24/2024 Project End: 5/17/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$500.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$2,000.00	\$500.00	\$2,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
\$500.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$500.00
Village of Silvertown	Village of Slocan			
\$500.00	\$500.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING	\$29,500.00

			REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	
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Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$29,500.00	\$29,500.00	\$29,500.00

1. The project will provide:

Dads Matter. Connecting dads that have sons/ daughters with disabilities/ Diverse Abilities. Relieving the strain and pressures of not being alone. Connecting Dads. Supporting dads. Inspiring Dads. Connect to resources and subject matter experts (SME). Delivered virtually and in person sessions.

Families on a Tuesday. Families that have sons and daughters with disabilities, Diverse Abilities. We will connect, support, Mentor, inspire , connect families/ to resources and to subject matter experts and other families with lived experience. delivered virtually and in person sessions.

Families Housing that Fits- Inclusive, supportive, intentional housing conversations. Sharing and discussion on housing options that could be available in each region and the role that families can play in that. Delivered virtually and In person sessions. The project will cover all of the Kootenays , RDKB, RDCK and RDEK with funding requests being submitted to each.

2. Organization Mandate:

Diverse Family Roots Society is the only grassroots, parent/family-driven support network for families with children or family members with diverse abilities/disabilities that is based in the Kootenays. Create a world where everyone is connected to support, families, resources, and to the community in which they live. Providing information sharing, mentoring, opportunities for connection and sharing, promoting awareness and inclusion

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

Up until now, this has not existed in the region. Families are disconnected and isolated. COVID did not help at all, in fact more and more families are feeling disconnected, isolated , especially those with medically vulnerable family members.. Families will benefit from Our Tuesday Night Get togethers on ZOOM. Sharing, inspiring, supporting, mentoring. Many young families feel isolated, on their own. The in person events will be uplifting, encouraging, supportive, inclusive.

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Dads will feel connected through the Sunday Night- Dads Supporting Dads online sessions. The in person events will be uplifting, encouraging, supportive, inclusive.

Families will benefit . We intend to lift the instances of isolation, disconnect, aloneness by connecting like/ similar families.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Issues of isolation, addressing the fact that Dads/ Families are not alone in their journey . Connection- connecting like families, meaning to connect families that have similar challenges. Whether it's ASD, ADHD, FASD, OCD, Epilepsy, Downs Syndrome and more we will connect, support those.

Not in school because of the challenges of their son/ daughter.

Project: Dads Matter. Families on a Tuesday . Supporting Families With Diverse Needs. Families Housing That Fits

Lack of Inclusive, intentional housing options. Lack of affordable, supportive housing options. It's an epidemic on its own . So many aging parents still have their aging sons/ daughter living with them with no safe solutions/ options to choose from.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

The only grass roots family to family, parent to parent group for dads/ Families that have sons and daughters with disabilities/ diverse abilities that is based in the Kootenays. The Family navigator has 35 yrs of lived experience. Our volunteer " Family Stewards' are all parents that live through out the region and have lived experience .

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The Family Navigator.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : No

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

TECK Trail Operations- 1000.00.

BOUNCE (WK) Radio in kind Public Service Announcements(PSA) . 1yr.- 20,000.00

PLAN- Planned Lifetime Advocacy Network- 1500.00

Pattison Media (EK) Radio in kind Public Service Announcements (PSA) . 1yr- 20,000.00

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

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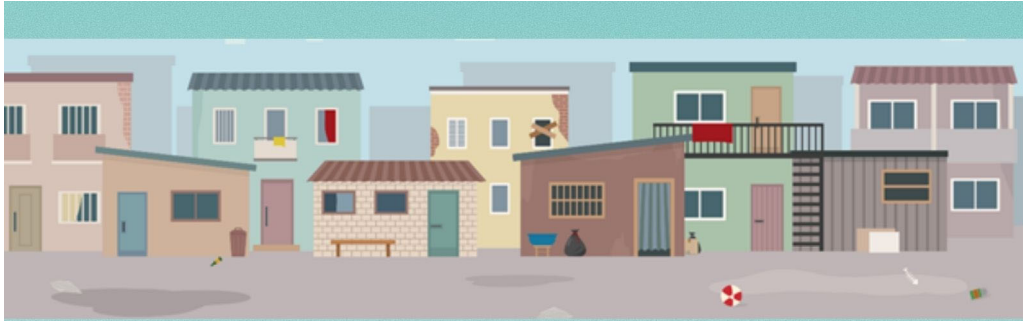
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- Sharing
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Organization **Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital & Health Foundation Society**

Registration # 89312 3034 RR0001

1200 Hospital Bench, Trail BC V1R 4M1

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Orthopedic Enhancement Project**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area B, RDCK Area C, RDCK Area D, RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area G, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, RDCK Area K, City of Nelson, Town of Creston, Village of Nakusp, Village of New Denver, City of Castlegar, Village of Salmo

Phase 1 of the Project commenced January 2023 at the KBRH Health Foundation/KBRH including planning, securing approvals and equipment quotes, grant writing and broad reaching fundraising. Phase 2 includes the CBT ReDi Grant process, purchasing equipment and reporting back as required. Fundraising for this project will occur at the KBRH Health Foundation. Procurement of the equipment will occur at KBRH. Usage of equipment associated with the Orthopedic Enhancement Project will take place at KBRH in the Operating Rooms, to be used by the Orthopedic Surgeons.

Importance to the community:

The Orthopedic Enhancement Project will greatly improve patient care for 88,000 residents living in the West Kootenay Boundary Region. KBRH is the regional service hub for orthopedic and trauma services, providing over 1,700 scheduled and emergency orthopedic surgeries annually. This initiative aims to bring advanced care closer to home, benefiting residents across the area. With the inclusion of state-of-the-art equipment and skilled surgeons, KBRH will treat more orthopedic patients locally, minimizing the need to refer patients to larger city centres for care. The Project will support the introduction of innovative surgical approaches, less invasive techniques, and ultimately reduce pain and recovery time for patients. This not only accelerates patients' return home and functionality but also involves families in the healing process, resulting in a more positive patient experience. The successful completion of the Orthopedic Enhancement Project promises a significant leap forward in regional healthcare and delivery of orthopedic surgical services.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/16/2024 Project End: 12/31/2024

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$8,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
\$500.00	\$5,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$500.00
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			

\$500.00	\$500.00		TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$32,000.00
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Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$32,000.00	\$750,000.00	\$750,000.00

1. The project will provide:

In September 2023, the KBRH Health Foundation launched the Orthopedic Enhancement Project, a \$750,000 effort to advance patient care at Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital (KBRH). This Project will purchase state of the art medical equipment for the Operating Rooms at KBRH, to be used by the Orthopedic Surgeons.

The Orthopedic Enhancement Project will support 2 new Orthopedic Surgeons, who have been recruited to work at KBRH, as well as our existing team of 4 Orthopedic Surgeons. The equipment purchased will allow the surgical team to continue their excellent work providing hip and knee replacement; hip, knee, ankle, shoulder, hand and wrist repair; and trauma surgeries.

Notably, this Project will also support a new level of service for patients including total ankle replacements, hip and knee replacements with a one-day discharge, reverse shoulder arthroplasties and it will change the way some current procedures are performed.

The total Project (Phase 1 & 2) is \$750,000 with \$430,000 donated to date; \$320,000 remains outstanding (for Phase 2) and is the focus of this application, emphasizing the Foundation's commitment to advancing healthcare accessibility and patient care for residents of the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District.

2. Organization Mandate:

Since 1988, the KBRH Health Foundation, formerly the Trail Regional Hospital Foundation, has raised over \$24.9 million to advance healthcare in the Kootenay Boundary. The Foundation's revenue is generated through gifts from donors. Funding priorities include equipment, patient care & comfort and staff education. The operating budget for 2024 is \$1,750,000.

Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital (KBRH) has 81 acute care beds, 50 multi-level care beds, and responds to the health care needs of 88,000 residents. KBRH offers specialist services, core medical services and advanced diagnostic services to the residents of its 29,000 sq. km area of accountability. The funds stewarded through the KBRH Health Foundation directly benefit patients receiving healthcare services within the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District service area.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

The Orthopedic Enhancement Project will greatly improve patient care for 88,000 residents living in the West Kootenay Boundary Region. KBRH is the regional service hub for orthopedic and trauma services, providing over 1,700 scheduled and emergency orthopedic surgeries annually. This initiative aims to bring advanced care closer to home, benefiting residents across the area. With the inclusion of state-of-the-art equipment and skilled surgeons, KBRH will treat more orthopedic patients locally, minimizing the need to refer patients to larger city centres for care. The Project will support the introduction of innovative surgical approaches, less invasive techniques, and ultimately

Project: Orthopedic Enhancement Project

reduce pain and recovery time for patients. This not only accelerates patients' return home and functionality but also involves families in the healing process, resulting in a more positive patient experience. The successful completion of the Orthopedic Enhancement Project promises a significant leap forward in regional healthcare and delivery of orthopedic surgical services.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

The Orthopedic Enhancement Project addresses key healthcare challenges and opportunities. Recognizing the limited local access to some advanced orthopedic services and the pressing need to recruit and retain specialists, the Project supports the team of Orthopedic Surgeons at KBRH and upgrades surgical capabilities to offer a broader range of procedures. Advanced surgical care will be provided locally at KBRH, alleviating the financial and emotional burden on patients who currently travel for specialized orthopedic treatments. The Project also addresses the long wait times for orthopedic surgeries. Recruitment of 2 new orthopedic surgeons and acquisition of this equipment will increase capacity to provide more surgeries, add new surgical procedures, and decrease wait lists.

Interior Health's Senior Executive Team and KBRH's site leadership identified the need, supported specialist recruitment, and approved this new level of service for the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District service area.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

KBRH is the regional hospital for the Kootenay Boundary and has a proven track record of delivering quality patient care. The Foundation's mandate is to purchase priority medical equipment to improve patient care. Funding shortfalls continue due to budget constraints and competing demands to fund priority equipment across all sites in the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District and Interior Health.

Hospital Foundations play a critical role in supplementing equipment purchases so that our community members can receive the best healthcare possible. Donors have supported this Project with donations totaling \$430,000. We remain committed to raising the remaining \$320,000 to ensure all priority equipment is on site as soon as possible to support the orthopedic surgical team and their patients.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True**7. Partners involved in implementing this project:**

The Manager of Clinical Operations for the Operating Rooms will work with KBRH Health Foundation to purchase the equipment once funding is secured.

The Foundation team includes long term staff with over 25 years fundraising and other applicable experience, combined.

The KBRH staff working on this Project are all licenced and accredited by their respective governing agencies.

Interior Health's KBRH Administration and the KBRH Health Foundation's Board of Directors have approved this Project.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No**9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No****10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes****11. In-kind sources and contributions:**

The KBRH Health Foundation will provide the in-kind contribution of staff time as follows:

File No. 73-2024

Project: Orthopedic Enhancement Project

Presentations to municipalities (50 hours)= \$1,750.00

Time spent on grant application (10 hours)= \$500.00

Time spent with IH on administration and ordering process (15 hours)= \$525.00

Time spent completing final reporting for the grants, if successful (4 hours)= \$140.00

Total In-Kind = \$2,915.00 depending on presentations.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.



Cindy Ferguson
Manager Clinical Operations OR & ACU
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital
cindy.ferguson@interiorhealth.ca

April 3, 2023

KBRH Health Foundation
Attn.: Lisa Pasin
1200 Hospital Bench
Trail, BC V1R 4M1

Dear Lisa,

I am writing to request funding to support the Orthopedic Enhancement Project at Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital (KBRH).

Our appeal is directed towards the KBRH Health Foundation, seeking assistance in acquiring advanced medical equipment and instrumentation to be used in the Operating Rooms at KBRH. This equipment and instrumentation will be dedicated for use by the Orthopedic Surgeons.

The project specifically calls for cutting-edge equipment, including a Self Retaining Hip Surgery Retractor System, Universal Lateral Positioner, Collinear Reduction Clamp Set, Orthopedic Hana Table, and other essential tools. This project will significantly enhance the capabilities of our surgical team, reduce patient wait times, and elevate the overall standard of orthopedic care, providing enhanced accessibility and convenience for patients close to home in the Kootenay Boundary.

The newly acquired equipment will advance techniques used in all current procedures performed at KBRH, including hip and knee replacements, ankle, shoulder, hand, and wrist repairs, along with trauma surgeries. Notably, it will introduce a 24 hour or less discharge process for patients undergoing hip and knee replacements, as well as support two new orthopedic surgeons being recruited to the surgical team at KBRH.

On behalf of the dedicated medical professionals delivering care to orthopedic patients, which includes our most vulnerable senior citizens, at KBRH, we extend our gratitude for consideration of funding for this transformative initiative. Your support will undoubtedly make a profound impact on the well-being and quality of care for individuals in our communities.

Sincerely,

Cindy Ferguson
Manager of Clinical Operations OR, ACU, MDR & Surgical Services
Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital

City of Nelson Addendum to CBT-ReDi Grant Application 2024: Orthopedic Enhancement Project

The Orthopedic Enhancement Project is a regional initiative that positively impacts Nelson's Path to Sustainability Strategy Goals and Objectives in the priority areas of: Prosperity and Resiliency, and the Focus Areas of Healthy Living & Social Well-Being and Economy.

The majority of funding for the Orthopedic Enhancement Project will be derived from the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, including support from residents (individuals and families), auxiliaries, corporations, and municipalities throughout Trail, Warfield, Rossland, the Beaver Valley and the Electoral Areas A & B. Funding has been requested from the RDKB CBT-ReDi program totalling \$42,500. For proportional funding requests within the RDCK, please see the full CBT-ReDi submission documents. Every area/municipality in the RDKB and RDCK has been asked for funding support through the ReDi Grant process.

\$430,000.00 in community donations have been raised to date for the Orthopedic Enhancement Project. Fundraising for this project commenced September 2023 and is expected to conclude by December 2024.

Prosperity & Resiliency:

- The Orthopedic Enhancement Project supports existing healthcare infrastructure and personnel. Interior Health employs over 600 employees within our areas. Nelson residents that require orthopedic care will benefit from this project. KBRH is the regional service hub for orthopedic surgery and trauma services in the Kootenay Boundary and provides over 1,700 scheduled and emergency orthopedic surgeries annually. Ensuring that KBRH can provide orthopedic surgeries closer to home, rather than travelling outside of our region, for Nelson residents meets the City of Nelson's goal to ensure healthy and affordable lifestyles for their residents.
- Our hospitals (KBRH and KLH) play an important leadership role in maintaining regional hospital services. This role includes providing our citizens with the best healthcare possible and thus investment in this existing healthcare model is imperative. Our citizens expect a high level of healthcare provision and it is our responsibility to facilitate an improved level of health care whenever possible, which will benefit all residents across the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District.
- Economic security and meaningful employment are benefits that can be derived from improvements in our regional healthcare system. As our facilities are improved, through capital projects and expansion of services, the importance of our healthcare system when considering regional referral services also increases.
- When we expand services to include cutting edge, state of the art services, it also supports staff and specialist recruitment and retention.
- The medical equipment purchases requested in this grant will provide the Orthopedic Surgeons with the critical equipment necessary to continue their excellent work providing hip and knee replacement; hip, knee, ankle, shoulder, hand and wrist repair; and trauma surgeries. As well, two new procedures will be introduced including total ankle replacements - currently patients are travelling to Kelowna or Vancouver for this procedure and one-day hip and knee replacements - ensuring patients can heal in the comfort of their homes, sooner, when possible.

Please see the grant application itself for full details on the Orthopedic Enhancement Project.

Healthy Living & Social Well-Being and Local Economy:

- Supporting our healthcare system and improving our access to advanced healthcare strengthens our social and economic systems, and will benefit the entire West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District during challenging times.
- Maintaining our current hospital system provides stable employment opportunities for many citizens and is an important economic driver for our communities.
- In times of healthcare treatment and crisis, it is beneficial for our citizens to receive care locally and to have the fullest array of services available in our local communities. The benefits include: patients remain closer to home and receive a greater level of support from their friends and family; intergenerational connections will be maintained; patients employment will not be jeopardized through required absences from work while they travel out of area for medical care if treatment is not provided locally; and reduced cost of travel for patients who would typically be referred to larger city centres to receive care often requiring extended stays and the expense of accommodations, meals, etc., further increasing the burden on rural families.

We **thank you** for considering a contribution for the Orthopedic Enhancement Project through the RDCK CBT-ReDi Program. We appreciate contributions of any value. Your participation will enhance healthcare and maintain good health for all those who choose to live and work in the City of Nelson and surrounding areas.

Sincerely,



Lisa Pasin
Executive Director
KBRH Health Foundation

Organization **Health Arts Society**

Registration # 81014 0749 RR0001
1254 West 7th Avenue, Vancouver B.C. V6H 1B6

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Concerts in Care**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area A, RDCK Area B, RDCK Area C, RDCK Area D, RDCK Area E, RDCK Area F, RDCK Area H, RDCK Area I, RDCK Area J, City of Nelson, Town of Creston, City of Castlegar
Concerts will take place in ten RDCK care homes and senior centres located in Nelson, Castlegar, Creston and Kaslo.

Importance to the community:

This project is specifically dedicated to improving the quality of life for elders living in care in the RDCK. Concerts in Care offer residents a sense of participating in ordinary life and provide them the opportunity to be respected and valued audience members. This application is for funding towards the delivery of 70 in person Concerts in Care, which will address an audience of approximately 3000 and will offer 170 performer opportunities for the Kootenays community of professional artists. Local seniors, staff, and resident families will all enjoy the performances. Local professional musicians will benefit from the connection with this audience as well as the additional performance income.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 8/1/2024 Project End: 5/31/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
\$950.00	\$950.00	\$500.00	\$950.00	\$900.00
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
\$950.00	\$950.00		\$500.00	\$950.00
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$1,400.00				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00	\$3,500.00	
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$17,000.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$17,000.00	\$50,500.00	\$50,500.00

1. The project will provide:

Concerts in Care is a Senior's Quality of Life program that offers a series of professional concerts performed primarily by Kootenay based musicians for residents of long-term care facilities. Ten concerts will be delivered at each of the homes, totalling 70 concerts for the series. All concerts will follow strict guidelines set by local health authorities.

2. Organization Mandate:

Health Arts Society (est. 2006) is a registered charity delivering the work of professional musicians to audiences isolated in care and has, to date, delivered over 24,000 forty-five-minute daytime concerts throughout British Columbia. The Society's work is dedicated to the idea that no real community can exist without elders, and addresses the need for quality of life initiatives for this underserved and sometimes forgotten population. Concerts in Care offer elders and others living in care a sense of participating in ordinary life and provides them the opportunity to be respected and valued audience members.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

This project is specifically dedicated to improving the quality of life for elders living in care in the RDCK. Concerts in Care offer residents a sense of participating in ordinary life and provide them the opportunity to be respected and valued audience members. This application is for funding towards the delivery of 70 in person Concerts in Care, which will address an audience of approximately 3000 and will offer 170 performer opportunities for the Kootenays community of professional artists. Local seniors, staff, and resident families will all enjoy the performances. Local professional musicians will benefit from the connection with this audience as well as the additional performance income.

4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

There are no mandated standards for providing quality of life programs for people living in chronic care residences, nor do budgets generally allow for regular high-quality arts programming. Projects such as Concerts in Care help connect these isolated audiences with the performance community. People in long-term isolation are in need of stimulation, yet many of them will be unable to access live music or theatre arts for the rest of their lives. These concerts offer seniors a sense of participating in ordinary life. More than ever, during this extended period of isolation, we are hearing that seniors are in need of comfort and connection and have greatly missed our in house concert program.

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

The innovative Concerts in Care program, unique in Canada, was created in 2006 in response to the broadly understood isolation experienced by elders in care. Concerts in Care connect health care residents, their families and health care staff with professional members of the arts community. Only by reason of frailty are those isolated in care unable to travel to public concert venues. Health Arts Society has been delivering concerts in the Kootenays region since 2009, to enthusiastic responses from audiences and health care staff. Over 1300 concerts have been presented in the RDCK over the last several years and the excellent reception to the program is most encouraging for its continuation.

Please see www.healtharts.org for further information

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The Kootenay Chapter Coordinator, Nicola Everton, is responsible for recruiting local and touring musicians and scheduling performances around the RDCK. A series of monthly concerts will be scheduled over ten months .at each

Project: Concerts in Care

of the venues beginning in August 2024 and ending in May 2025. Feedback evaluation forms and personal feedback from performers, staff and residents help to fine-tune the program.

- 8. Minors will be working on this project:** No
- 9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers:** No
- 10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: :** Yes
- 11. In-kind sources and contributions:**
- 12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:**

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.

From: cvc-recreation@chantellegroup.com
To: "[Raymond Aucoin](#)"
Subject: RE: Concerts in Care Online - your access info
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2024 1:58:18 PM

To Whom it May Concern

Castlevue Care Centre wanted to thank you for the amazing concert performed. Concerts in Care is always a lovely and well put together performance that makes everything run smoothly for staff and residents in the facility. Our residents always appreciate Concerts in Care coming in and they enjoy the performance as well as the social interaction of seeing the performers. The performance is always talked about with staff and residents after about how well done it was. We at Castlevue Care Centre would like to see many more Concerts in Care performances in the future and look forward to it.

Best Regards,

The Recreation Team
Castlevue Care Centre
2300-14th Avenue
Castlegar, B.C. V1N 4A6
Phone - 250-365-7277
Fax- 250-365-3291





Mountain Lake Seniors Community
908 Eleventh Street
Nelson, B.C. V1L 7A6
Phone: 250 352 2600 Fax: 250 352 2620
www.parkplaceseniorsliving.com



February 5, 2024

To Whom it May Concern,

This letter is in support of the Concerts in Care provided by the Health Arts Society at Mountain Lake Seniors Community. The residents of Mountain Lake have been enjoying Concerts in Care for a number of years and continue to benefit greatly from the talented musicians who perform at our home on a monthly basis.

Each month we are provided a poster advertising the upcoming performance, which allows us to look forward to the event and plan for specific residents to be in attendance, who we know will appreciate and benefit from the musical genre/instruments involved.

The quality of musicians and the performances they share are of such a high standard and we feel so fortunate to share these performances with our residents who are no longer able to make it to our local theatre or venues. With Nelson being an "arts" town, we have many residents living in our home who have been musicians themselves and/or have enjoyed local musical performances before moving into care, and the fact that they are still able to enjoy such high-quality shows from highly talented musicians is a great treat; keeping them connected to their local community and providing enriching and meaningful opportunities that they can share with loved ones.

We are grateful to and appreciate the Health Arts Society for bringing this program to our residents and our home and hope we can continue this relationship for the future.

Thank you,

Sandra Grochowich
Life Enrichment Coordinator
Mountain Lake Seniors Community
(250)352-2600 ext.23

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February 5, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing you this letter on behalf of Concerts in Care to show my support. I believe the programme is deserving of the funding because it provides the need for high quality, live, professional arts programmes for elders in residential care including our residents here at Victorian Community Health Centre of Kaslo - Long Term Care. Our residents love each performances and they are always looking forward every month to see and hear these professional musicians. The smiles and joy that they bring to our residents are precious and greatly appreciated.

For these reasons, I hope you consider their application for funding. If you have any questions feel free to reach me at 250-353-2731.

Thank you,

Mary Ricablanca

Recreation Coordinator

Victorian Community Health Centre of Kaslo

Health Arts Society-Concerts in Care
 CBT ReDi Grant Application February 10, 2024
 Attachment 1

Alignment with City of Nelson planning documents

Document	Focus Area & Objective	Health Arts Society
Path to 2040	<p>Arts, Culture and Heritage</p> <p>ACH1: Promote artistic and cultural expression and celebration in the community to help support a vibrant centre and identity.</p> <p>ACH2: Preserve and celebrate the authenticity and heritage of our community</p>	<p>Enriches community life in Nelson by creating opportunities for small musical performances. Supports Nelson's reputation as a cultural centre.</p> <p>Encourages artists to participate in Nelson's cultural sector; providing a conduit between the arts community and seniors in care. Assists professional musicians to remain living in Nelson by providing opportunities for employment.</p>
	<p>Local Economy</p> <p>LE4: Focus economic development and stimulus where it contributes to community values, including a vibrant downtown and waterfront and meaningful employment opportunities that support healthy lifestyles.</p>	<p>Identified a gap in type of musical performances. Creates employment opportunities for local professional musicians.</p>
	<p>Healthy Living and Social Well-being</p> <p>HLSW2: Foster an inclusive & respectful community where all citizens have opportunities for meaningful participation in social, cultural, economic and environmental aspects of the City.</p>	<p>Seniors living in long-term care suffer isolation as they are no longer able to access live music or theatre. These events offer residents a sense of participating in ordinary life and a feeling of inclusion.</p>
Comprehensive Cultural Policy	<p>Value Statement 5.2.1: Our authentic identity as a community with well-preserved and abundant heritage architecture, and professional and practising artists.</p>	<p>Health Arts Society-Concerts in Care increases performance opportunities for local professional musicians who struggle to make a living and often have to travel out of town to perform.</p>

	5.2.3: The cultural sector's ability to contribute to the community's identity.	We are providing cultural events of a type currently not often found (chamber music and similar small ensembles) which enhances Nelson's identity as an arts community.
	5.2.5 Collaboration both within the cultural sector and with all sectors of Nelson's and the regional economy.	We are working with other musical organizations in Nelson such as Nelson Overture Concerts and Selkirk Pro-Musica. to coordinate evening performances in Nelson as well as the communities of, Castlegar, and Kaslo to maximize performance opportunities for artists.
	5.2.9: Professionalism and best practices in the cultural sector.	Only professional musicians perform concerts in Care programs. It is our goal to bring high quality music to seniors isolated in care.
	5.2.10: Innovation within the cultural sector.	Concerts in Care concerts are unique in that they provide professional level performances for seniors in care. Most public health authorities do not have mandated standards or budgets for these types of concerts..

From: "Kate Hansen" <khansen@glm.ca>
Subject: RE: Concerts in Care - Health Arts Society
Date: February 23, 2019 at 1:30:10 PM PST
To: "Nicola Everton" <nicola@healtharts.org>

Crest View Village looks forward to Concerts in care every month! Residents faces light up, and their toes are tapping. They enjoy the amazing music from a variety of styles and Genres that are brought to us.

Concerts in Care is something special for residents to look forward to and that we are privileged enough to experience.

Thank you for supporting Concerts in care and making it available to us.

Crest View Village

Kate Hansen

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Organization **Castlegar Sculpturewalk Society**

Registration # 829004662RR0001

PO Box 3586, Castlegar BC V1N 3W3

Name of Organization being sponsored if applicable -

Project Title **Castlegar Sculpturewalk 2024**

Project will be located in: RDCK Area J, City of Castlegar

The main walking tour is located within downtown Castlegar. Additional permanent pieces (both the City's permanent collection

and sculptures purchased by residents), along with leased pieces, are located throughout the city. We have local/regional artists

participating in the program, and viewers come from across the region and further afield.

Importance to the community:

This project benefits the community and region immensely: it encourages partnership between businesses, cultural providers, and

communities within the West Kootenay region; it exposes residents and visitors to a high level of art, both local and international; it

develops community pride; it benefits the artists, creating a sustainable working environment, as this is the only opportunity to display outdoor sculpture in the region; the permanent sculptures create a legacy for the community, leading to downtown revitalization

and increased civic pride; and this increase in tourism is a revenue generator for all businesses both in Castlegar and the region.

Work Plan Dates: Project Start: 5/18/2024 Project End: 5/16/2025

RDCK ReDi FUNDING REQUESTS				
Area A	Area B	Area C	Area D/Kaslo	Area D/Lardeau Valley
Area E	Area F	Area G/Salmo	Area H	Area I
Area J	Area K – Arrow Park	Area K – Bayview/Nakusp/ Rural Nakusp	Area K – Burton	Area K – Edgewood
\$16,000.00				
Area K – Fauquier	City of Castlegar	Town of Creston	City of Nelson	Village of New Denver
	\$22,000.00			
Village of Silverton	Village of Slocan			
			TOTAL ReDi FUNDING REQUESTED FOR THIS PROJECT	\$38,000.00

Total ReDi Funding Requested	Total from Other Sources	Total Project Cash Budget
\$38,000.00	\$267,500.00	\$267,500.00

1. The project will provide:

Castlegar Sculpturewalk offers a free, year-round outdoor gallery of sculptural art in downtown Castlegar. Cited by residents as one of its most-loved events and a huge source of community pride, we are also Castlegar's #1 rated and most reviewed visitor attraction, bringing thousands of people into the downtown core each year and earning Castlegar the trademark of The Sculpture Capital of Canada.

Castlegar Sculpturewalk 2024 will showcase approximately 30 outdoor sculptures from local, regional and international artists along

a walking tour in downtown Castlegar. Viewers vote for their favourite piece via ballot, and the winner of the People's Choice Award is

purchased by the City of Castlegar for their permanent collection. At the end of the exhibition year, all of the sculptures are available for

sale or lease. Through both the full program and the sales/leasing program, public art has increased from just two pieces in 2009 to over 70 pieces currently, which is remarkable for any city. This program beautifies the city, supports artists, and has made a positive economic impact to downtown businesses and Castlegar as a whole, bringing in many visitors who come specifically for our program.

2. Organization Mandate:

Mission: Castlegar Sculpturewalk ignites creativity and strengthens community connections by showcasing exceptional public sculptures. We inspire artists, residents, and visitors alike, provoking thought and highlighting the essential role of art in our lives.

Vision: Nurturing a vibrant and inclusive community that sparks curiosity, we use art to forge enduring connections between people and place.

3. Community objectives the project will work towards are:

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4. Project will address issues or opportunities pertaining to:

Successfully addressed opportunities:

- to develop a unique identity for the City of Castlegar
- to beautify the city, bringing diverse art to the community and its residents
- to support the revitalization of the downtown core, bringing economic benefits to businesses through increased foot-traffic
- to encourage tourism and the economic benefit that brings
- to support local artists (a place to display and sell/lease their work)

Project: Castlegar Sculpturewalk 2024

- to assist Castlegar and the region in attracting professionals to settle & stay in the community
- to develop regional municipal partnerships through our sales & leasing program

These were identified through strategic planning sessions and community input (this was in partnership with Selkirk College who had students do studies for their projects).

5. This organization is best to provide this project to the community because:

Our organization, the registered charity Castlegar Sculpturewalk Society, was created in 2009 solely to lead the annual Castlegar Sculpturewalk event. We have been very successful with this project, and have grown it substantially. Our Executive Director, Joy Barrett, has over 25 years experience in international arts administration & fundraising, including work at the renowned Banff Centre for the Arts and the British Academy of Film & Television in London, UK. Our Installation/Takedown Manager, Carl Schlichting, is a local artist and an award-winning (BC Museums Association) art installer/mountmaker. Administrative Coordinator Selena McAlpine, originally hired through a CBT student grant (she was a business student at Selkirk College), is a core foundational support.

6. Partners involved in this project have been consulted: True

7. Partners involved in implementing this project:

The Castlegar Sculpturewalk Society, a registered charity, will be the main organization implementing the project. The City of Castlegar is involved as a project partner. We receive additional funding from the Province of British Columbia (BC Gaming), the Columbia Basin Trust, and over 30 local business sponsors and supporters who provide between \$1000-\$2500 each.

8. Minors will be working on this project: No

9. Project will be 100% completed by volunteers: No

10. Is the project viable without ReDi funding support: : Yes

11. In-kind sources and contributions:

Our annual accounting is done in-kind by Geoff Yule, Black Press supplies us with approximately \$7500 worth of in-kind advertising, and the GOAT supplies us with approximately \$2500 worth of in-kind advertising.

12. Supporting documents below, if submitted:

Organizations are also asked to present copies of supporting documents at community engagement meetings.